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Court overturns ban on DP benefits

Victory for city of Atlanta opens door to partner benefits for private sector employees around the state

by LAURA BROWN

Georgia Insurance Commissioner John Oxendine's actions were "arbitrary, capricious, an abuse of discretion and not in accordance with the law," when he repeatedly blocked the city of Atlanta's attempts to offer domestic partner benefits to city employees, a judge ruled Sept. 22.

The decision by Fulton County Superior Court Judge Wendy L. Shoob clears the way for Atlanta to offer the benefits, which were first approved by the City Council in 1993, and also opens the door for employers around the state that want to offer similar coverage.

"This victory is a long time coming," said Robin Shahar, the senior assistant city attorney who argued the case for the city, immediately after the ruling was announced. "Of course we've had victories along the way, but it certainly feels like justice has been served today."

The city of Atlanta filed its lawsuit against Oxendine in March, after he rejected requests from the city's four insurance providers seeking to offer domestic partner coverage.

Atlanta City Council member Cathy Woolard, represented by the Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund, then petitioned to join the city's suit seeking benefits for her partner of 11 years, Karen Geney.

Attorneys for both sides agreed that the issue came down to an interpretation of the insurance commissioner's authority under the law, and filed motions asking Judge Shoob to rule in the case without holding a trial.

Although Atlanta's struggle to offer DP benefits has taken years **[see timeline, page 22]**, Shoob's hearing on the summary judgment motions lasted less than two hours, most of which she devoted to intensely questioning Oxendine's attorney.

"I do not feel the Commissioner's actions... were within state law and the state constitution," Shoob then said, issuing a rare, from-the-bench ruling in favor of the city of Atlanta and Woolard, and ordering Oxendine to approve the DP benefits forms from other employers as well.

Shoob expanded the scope of her decision to cover other public and private employers who want to offer the benefits. "The Court orders that, in future, the Commissioner shall not unlawfully withhold his approval of insurance forms containing domestic partner provisions that are otherwise in compliance with the law," she ruled.

FILE/FULTON COUNTY DAILY REPORT

Judge Wendy Shoob issued a rare ruling from the bench ordering the state insurance commissioner to allow any employer in the state to offer DP benefits.

LAURA BROWN

The victors (from right to left): Robin Shahar, who successfully argued the case for the city; Lambda Legal's Steve Scarborough; his client, Atlanta City Council member Cathy Woolard; and her partner of 11 years, Karen Geney

Shoob's quick decision brought surprise and praise from supporters of the benefits, and little comment from either Oxendine or Attorney General Thurbert Baker, whose office represented Oxendine in the suit.

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MARTIN HAYHOW/AP

The European Court of Human Rights ruled Monday that the British military's ban on gay soldiers violates the human right to private and family life. Three dismissed members of the British Armed Forces, from left to right, John Beckett, sailor; Royal Air Force nurse Jeanette Smith and Royal Navy Lt.-Commander Duncan Lustig-Prean, challenged the military's ban. Page 24

Airman jailed for going AWOL feared for safety on Ga. base

Douglas Gilley says he fled to Atlanta to escape anti-gay harassment and join his boyfriend, who activists say now faces an FBI investigation

by MATTHEW A. HENNIE

Douglas Gilley Jr. joined the Air Force in early 1998 to escape a fractious family life and a lack of support from relatives to attend school.

Nearly 18 months later, stripped of his rank, forced to forfeit his pay and tagged with a bad conduct discharge, the 21-year-old Maryland native is facing six months in a military jail.

And his Atlanta boyfriend, Jason Rapposelli, to whom Gilley turned for refuge, now faces an FBI investigation for harboring a fugitive, according to gay activists who also claim Raposelli's assets have been frozen by the federal agency. The FBI has denied both charges.

'A political prisoner'?

Air Force prosecutors called Gilley's a simple case of desertion; activists say Gilley is "a political prisoner."

Gilley, who realized he was gay after enlisting in the Air Force, said he feared harassment if other members of his squadron discovered it. And now his case shines a light on a military often hostile to its gay and lesbian members.

"I didn't want to become the Matthew Shepard of Moody Air Force Base," Gilley said at his sentencing hearing.

Last week, Gilley pleaded guilty to taking absence without leave (AWOL), about a month after police in metro Atlanta arrested

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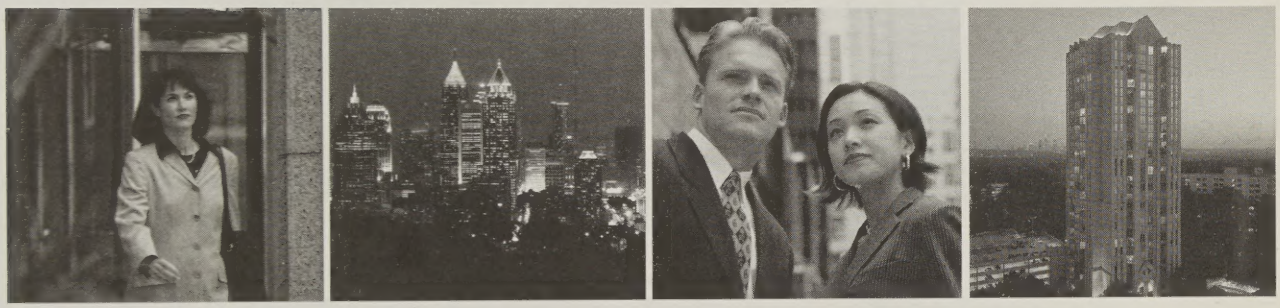

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Anti-gay harassment 'the rule' at school, survey finds

The majority of gay students in a new national survey report daily abuse at school, but GLSEN aims to change all that—and this weekend's national conference in Atlanta is an important step

by PAIGE PARVIN

The first-ever national survey to ask gay youth about their experiences in school yielded results so disturbing that even long-time activists said it took their breath away.

"It comes as no surprise to anyone that school is not a great place to be gay, but even we at GLSEN were somewhat shocked by the results," said Kevin Jennings, executive director of the Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network, which conducted the survey of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered youth.

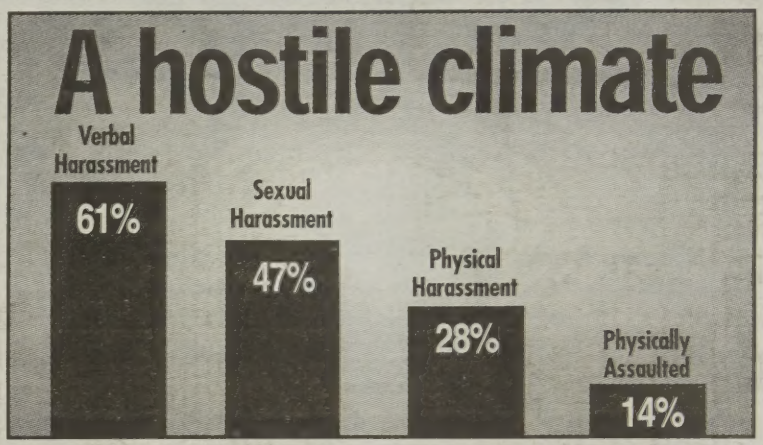
"We like to think bigotry and harassment are the exception, but if you are gay in school, they're the rule," he said.

Of the 496 students around the country who participated in GLSEN's National School Climate Survey, 69 percent reported they have experienced verbal, physical, and sexual harassment and assault in school.

Results show that 61 percent of those experiencing harassment have been targeted for verbal harassment, 47 percent for sexual harassment, and 28 percent for physical harassment, with 14 percent reporting that they have been physically assaulted at school.

"It is completely outrageous that in this country we require children to go to a place where they will be harassed every single day," Jennings said. "If you are going to require them by law to go to school, then you have a moral obligation to make sure they are safe, and I think to make sure they are able to get an education."

The good news? The problems brought to light by the survey will be tackled head-on at GLSEN's third annual national conference, Teaching Respect for All '99, planned for this weekend at the Westin Peachtree Plaza in downtown Atlanta.



More than two-thirds of gay youth reported harassment due to their sexual orientation, distributed among four categories, according to GLSEN's National School Climate Survey.

Survey says: trouble

The biggest challenge in conducting the National School Climate Survey was accessing self-identified gay youth, according to GLSEN Communications Director Jim Anderson.

To target these teens, GLSEN leaders

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New guides on hate in schools tackle anti-gay bias

by GIP PLASTER

A new guide about responding to hate in schools incorporates gay and lesbian issues into every section rather than boxing them into their own part of the booklet, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center, which issued the books.

"It's our belief that any discussion of safety and equity in a school system automatically includes gays and lesbians," said Jim Carnes, editor of "Responding to Hate at School" and director of SPLC's Teaching Tolerance project.

The booklet and its companion, "Ten Ways to Fight Hate," were published after what the group calls "15 horrific months of hate-motivated violence in America" beginning on June 7, 1998 with the dragging death of James Byrd, Jr. in Jasper, Texas.

"These materials will provide practical tools to help take back our schools and communities from the hatemongers," said SPLC's founder Morris Dees. "By working together, we can form a moral barrier against hate."

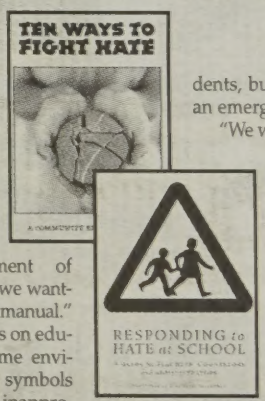
Earlier this year, the federal government issued a comprehensive guide for protecting students from harassment and hate crimes—for the first time including issues of sexual orientation—but the guide focused on establishing policies. Carnes said SPLC's booklet provides practical suggestions for improving everyday atmosphere on campuses.

"We thoroughly scoured the government manual and worked informally with a member of the Department of Education," Carnes said. "But we wanted to design a different kind of manual."

"Responding to Hate" calls on educators to create an unwelcome environment for hate speech and symbols by creating consequences for inappropriate actions and denouncing them every time they occur. The booklet includes specific suggestions for changing school atmosphere and unmasking hidden hate.

For example, it suggests teaching about racial stereotypes around Halloween, when many negative images are perpetuated by costumes. It shows a picture of a "Chinese man kit" that includes a pigtail hat, glasses and a fake mustache.

Carnes said he want the booklet to encourage educators to intervene even in the daily banter between students in the halls and in minor divisions between students, but he also wants it to help in an emergency.



"We want this booklet to be a tool to help educators, school officials and student leaders think comprehensively about all aspects of school climate," Carnes said.

Almost one million copies of the booklets are being distributed free to school principles, mayors, police chiefs and activists.

Kate Frankfurt, the director of advocacy and public policy for Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network also participated in the creation of the booklet.

SPLC program coordinator Jennifer Holladay will present a workshop called "Multiculturalism: One Movement or Many" at the GLSEN conference this weekend in Atlanta.

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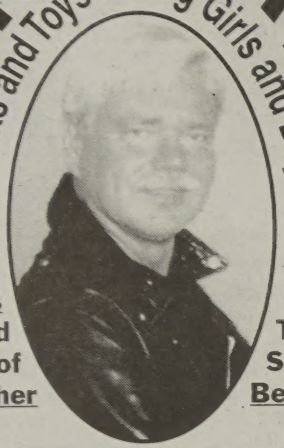

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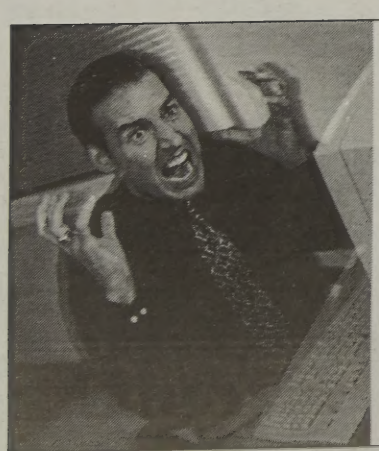

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Around the South

Florida sheriff attacks gays, others on county-run web-site

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP)—A Florida sheriff is using his official government web-site to denounce abortion and attack gays, feminists, atheists and the ACLU. After quoting the preamble to the U.S. Constitution, Lee County Sheriff John McDougall takes a stab at what he calls "the diabolical forces of moral corruption working feverishly, behind closed doors." This list includes "Gay and Lesbian coalitions," Planned Parenthood, politicians, liberal judges, cyber-porn, music videos and "United Nations one-world government radicals," among others. "To our disgrace as a nation, we have caved into the wishes of the depraved," he writes. McDougall, 57, said he posted the letter as a crime prevention document about two weeks ago. "I wanted to get the message out there." Lee County Commissioner John Manning said McDougall is entitled to his views, "but when it comes to taxpayers paying for the web-site, there has to be a question... of the appropriateness of that activity." In 1992, McDougall attempted to have rapper Ice-T charged with sedition for his song "Cop Killer."

Wake Forest student radio station censored on gay chapel issue

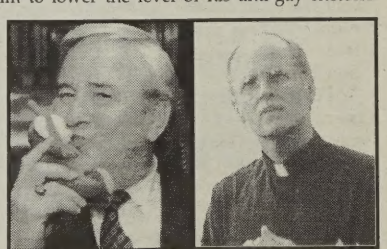
WAKE FOREST, N.C.—The radio station operated by Wake Forest University has told its student reporters that they cannot report the pro-gay side of a controversy over the use of campus chapels, the school's student-run newspaper *The Old Gold & Black* reported Sept. 16. The controversy began when the university decided not to allow a church that uses a university chapels to hold a same-sex union there. After the university made its decision, WFDD, the university-owned radio station, was told they could only report on the university's press release, and not present contrary points of view, including the position of the church at issue. Sandra Boyette, the vice president of university advancement, said she made the request to ensure unbiased reporting. "They're a news organization, and they might be perceived as representing the university's opinion," said Boyette. Mike Janssen, a reporter for WFDD, is concerned about how the university looks at the station. "It sets a bad precedent because Wake Forest is a big force in this community, and it is one that needs to be reported on unchecked, including by WFDD."

Florida psychologist argues that gays help perpetuate human race

MIAMI—An associate professor at Barry University has written a paper that argues that homosexuality helps perpetuate the human race, the *Miami Herald* reported Sept. 23. "The theory holds that homosexual individuals in early human societies may have helped close family members, either directly or indirectly, to reproduce more successfully," wrote psychologist Frank Muscarella, 41, in a study to be published by the *Journal of Homosexuality*. "Thus, genes for homosexuality would have been passed on indirectly through relatives." Muscarella points out in his article that in early times, young men and women would leave home and form alliances with others, including bonds with people of the same gender that involved sexual relations. Through these alliances, they would protect each other from enemies and help each other survive through adulthood.

Miami group plans picket of meeting between Falwell, White

LYNCHBURG, Va.—Plans are moving forward for a weekend meeting in October between Rev. Mel White and Rev. Jerry Falwell and their supporters, and for a Miami group that intends to picket the meeting, the *Lynchburg News & Advance* reported Sept. 23. White, who once ghost wrote for Falwell, co-chairs Soulforce, Inc., a group dedicated to non-violence. White met with Falwell in August to ask him to lower the level of his anti-gay rhetoric. "Definitely we've seen it tone down since our meeting," said White, who was in Lynchburg to discuss plans for the Oct. 22-24 event. Meanwhile, a Miami group named the Oral Majority has been granted a permit to picket the event. Bob Kunst's application for the permit said that the Oral Majority planned to bring between 12 and 40 people, plus a 5-foot papier-mâché donkey and a 2-foot Tinky Winky doll. Two other groups have called about permits but not yet applied, including Rev. Fred Phelps's anti-gay flock, said Maj. Jack Lewis of the Lynchburg Police Department.



Rev. Jerry Falwell (left) has toned down his anti-gay rhetoric since agreeing to meet with Rev. Mel White, his former ghost writer claims.

Vandy to offer DP benefits, other Tenn. schools unlikely to follow

NASHVILLE—Vanderbilt University will begin offering the same package of insurance and other benefits to the domestic partners of its employees that it offers to heterosexual employees, *The (Nashville) Tennessean* reported Sept. 3. After Vanderbilt's faculty senate pushed for the benefits extension, school administrators agreed they needed such a policy to compete with schools like Duke, Emory and Yale. But the prospect of a similar set of benefits at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville is unlikely—UT has yet to take the first step, instating a non-discrimination clause. Additionally, Tennessee's insurance department would have to approve any change in insurance provisions there or at other state schools, since the beneficiaries would be state employees.

—From staff and wire reports

Police arrest three in Atlanta bar for 'public indecency'

by DAVID GOLDMAN

Three men were arrested and charged with public indecency following a visit by law enforcement officials to the Atlanta Eagle club shortly before 1 a.m. last Friday.

Officers from the Atlanta Police Department's licenses and permits section and two agents from the Georgia Department of Revenue's alcohol and tobacco division carried out the operation. Though spokespersons for both agencies declined to call the action a "raid," they did say the operation came in response to a citizen complaint.

Officers and agents entered the crowded bar during its popular Thursday night "Blackout Party."

"Certain allegations were received by our office, which included reports of underage sales at this location," said Howard Tyler, special agent in charge of District 2 of the state's alcohol and tobacco division.

"Some of these allegations were not within our jurisdiction, as far as criminal charges." These, he said, included "sex on the premises." The complaint originated from a "concerned citizen," Tyler said.

"They received a complaint, and we together went there," said APD Public Information Officer John Quigley. "They had complaints of sex acts and X-rated or inappropriate movies being shown. Apparently when they went inside they found a few folks that were not doing what they should, and they were charged with public indecency."

Club owner Robby Kelley has characterized the action as a routine, unannounced annual license inspection. He said he was not cited for any violations.

"They did catch a couple of people having sex in the bar," Kelley said in an interview Tuesday. "The people who were arrested were having sex on the dance floor with all the lights going, the music going and people dancing around them. It wasn't like they were hidden in a dark corner somewhere."

But one of the arrested men, who spoke on condition of anonymity, insisted that he was fully clothed and, like the majority of patrons that night, inside the "blackout" area. The man, who lives in Atlanta, claimed he was dragged from the club by police.

The man said he and two other men, one local and one from San Francisco, were held in a patrol car, then transferred to a filthy paddy wagon. They were taken to the detention facility at about 3 a.m.

The following morning a public defender represented all three men before Atlanta Municipal Court Judge Howard Johnson. Two of the men were initially charged with sodomy, but all three were ultimately bound over to Fulton State Court on charges of public indecency. Bond was set at $500, but the men were unable to be processed out of jail until 10 p.m. Friday.

Kelley said he was never told the action was in response to a complaint. "The police said this was a routine license inspection. The problem was they caught people having sex in the bar and had to arrest them."

Licensing technicalities

Kelley said he met on Monday at City Hall East with two representatives from the department's licenses and permits division. "They told me that I needed to get more food in my kitchen; that I wasn't up to restaurant standards."

Like many other bars, Kelley said the Eagle is licensed as a restaurant. To be open on Sunday, he said, an establishment is supposed to make at least 52 percent of its revenue from food sales every day throughout the year. He said he was told that city licensing enforcers are "getting ready to crack down on the food situation" in bars licensed as restaurants.

"If I've been singled out, it's because somebody doesn't like us and they decided to do something," Kelley said, speculating that the complaint may have originated with "another bar or a person I threw out."

Kelley was then asked whether he'd been treated unfairly. "By the city of Atlanta? No. But everybody else in the community has jumped to conclusions and assumed a lot that wasn't there."

The Eagle's "Blackout" party has been canceled, Kelley said. "I will not put my customers in jeopardy of being arrested."

A spokesperson for Fulton State Court said the cases of the three men will come before the court in six months to a year.

On Tuesday, *Southern Voice* faxed questions regarding the incident to Mayor Bill Campbell's marketing and communications office. Though an interview was promised, no reply was received by press time.

Editorial p.14

Post changes housing policy, claims miscommunication

After revising a policy criticized by a gay couple denied rental, Post Properties has reversed ground, claiming the policy was never discriminatory

by PAIGE PARVIN

After temporarily changing an occupancy policy criticized by a gay couple denied rental, Post Properties has reverted to its former policy, which it now says was misrepresented and misunderstood.

David Gates went public three weeks ago when he and his partner were denied an apartment at Post Lindbergh. They were told that they could not share a two-bedroom apartment with a third adult unless two of the adults were in a "familial" relationship, Gates said at the time.

Post Lindbergh considered heterosexual married couples to fit the exception, but not gay couples, Gates said he was told by a relocation manager in Post's corporate office. The manager confirmed the policy in an interview, and said she was corroborated by the company's human resource director.

"She told me the only way three people could have a two-bedroom was if two people were husband and wife, or if one of them was a child," Gates remembered. "Two had to be married or related."

The same corporate representative stated the policy to Southern Voice in the same way, including married couples with persons of "familial status," but declined to act as a spokesperson for the company.

If this policy was correct, Post was making a distinction between gay couples and legally married couples, a practice Gates called "flat-out discriminatory."

But before Gates' story was published, Post Properties spokesperson Martha Logan said the leasing policy had been changed, and that any two adults were permitted per bedroom, regardless of affiliation—allowing as many as four adults in a two-bedroom apartment. Logan said the change was necessary to stay competitive with other apartment companies that don't have similar restrictions.

A switch and a clarification

Now Post Properties has reversed field and again permits only two adults in a two-bedroom apartment, and three adults in a three-bedroom apartment, according to Logan, Post's vice-president over management.

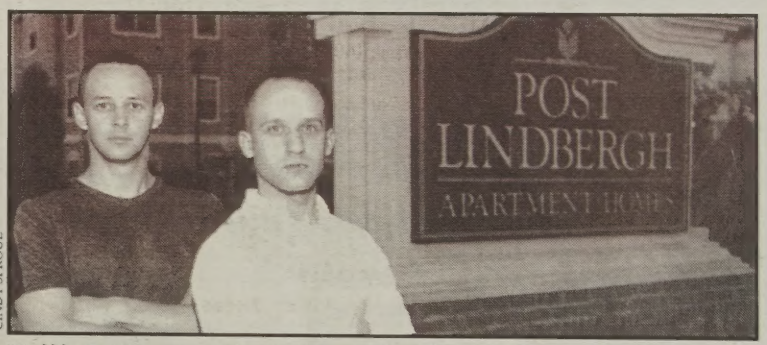
This time, however, the company is clear that there is no exception based upon the "familial status" of the residents

As a result, two adults may live in a two-bedroom apartment with children under 18, or in some cases, with an elderly parent requiring care, but not with a third adult, Logan said.

At a meeting of Post corporate and property managers on Sept. 7, as the initial *Southern Voice* story was going to press, Atlanta managers decided by unanimous vote to reinstate the former policy, according to Logan.

"We had changed our policy, looking at being more competitive," Logan explained. "But when we did, all our managers, who are both straight and gay, said, why are we doing this?"

The new policy, allowing up to four adults in a two bedroom apartment and six in a three bedroom, raised concerns about parking and overcrowding, Logan went on.



CINDY SPROUL

Would-be Post Properties resident David Gates (left, with roomate John Creech) says he was told only legally married couples could have a roommate, but Post now denies that was ever their policy

"Post does have a higher level of service for our residents, by not having as many cars, as many occupants, and as many people at the pool," Logan said. "That was the whole argument, that we set a standard."

Logan also insisted the company's original policy never discriminated against gays.

"There is nothing in our policies that uses the word 'married,'" she said. "The policy is two adults in a two bedroom, period. I can assure you this is not a gay issue and we don't discriminate."

Post Properties has at all times refused to make available written copies of its leasing policies—old or new.

Logan emphasized that whatever the confusion over Post policies, many lesbians and gay men live and work at Post apartment communities, and at least one gay manager vocally supported the old policy.

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Gates said he remains troubled by the confusion. "What I don't understand is, how could two people of such status in their corporate offices be so misinformed, and allow me to be so misinformed?" he wondered. "Why weren't they aware of their own policy?"

Gates was also unhappy with the reinstatement of a restrictive rental policy, even though it treats gay and straight would-be tenants the same.

"Now, if my partner and my friend and I went back there today, we still could not rent an apartment," he said. "But if I went with my friend and my mother, we could. I don't know that it's discriminatory against me because I'm gay, but it's unreasonable."

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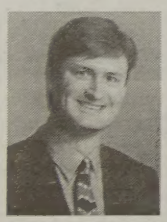

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Around the Nation

King County in Wash. debates connection to MLK, gay Vice Pres.

SEATTLE (AP)—Thirteen years ago, King County was officially renamed to honor the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. But few people realize that the King who the county was originally named for, Franklin Pierce's vice-president Rufus DeVane King, may have been a gay man. According to Sol Barzman's "Madmen and Geniuses: The Vice Presidents of the United States," Rufus King and future President James Buchanan, who was unmarried, had a nearly 20-year relationship when both served in the Senate. Barzman wrote that Aaron Brown, a prominent Tennessee Democrat, "referred to King as Buchanan's 'better half,' and described the Alabama senator as 'Aunt Fancy... triged (sic) out in her best clothes.'" As the county that encompass Seattle debates whether to remove a generic crown from its seal and add a likeness of Dr. King, an openly gay lawyer named Jason Kelley plans to speak on Rufus King's behalf. "Recognizing Vice President King, a homosexual, as well as Dr. King would do even more to celebrate the diversity of our county," Kelley said. "My point is just for a little bit of public education, it would be nice to see the council recognize this fact," he said. "I just think this adds a little more depth to the conversation."

Did Vice President Rufus King (left) have a 20-year relationship with James Buchanan, who would later become president?

Cal. governor to sign one gay bill, veto one, consider two others

SACRAMENTO—Democratic Gov. Gray Davis has announced that he will sign a bill that extends health care benefits to the domestic partners of all state employees, the *Contra Costa Times* reported Sept. 24. Under the bill introduced by San Francisco Assemblywoman Carol Migden, same-sex couples at least 18 years old can register with the Secretary of State's office if they share living expenses and are not married or in another partnership. Davis also announced his intention to veto a bill that would have extended partnership rights to the areas of wills and conservatorships, deeming the bill "unnecessary." Two other bills remain on his desk—one that would outlaw gay discrimination in schools, and one that would add sexual orientation to the list of protected areas in the state's Fair Employment and Housing Act. Davis is thought likely to sign the former, and to veto the latter, since its provisions are already covered under the state's Labor Code. Meanwhile, conservative groups such as the Traditional Values Coalition and Focus on the Family are trying to influence his decision with rallies, radio programs, faxes and telephone trees tying up his office. "These bills, if they are signed, will make our centrist governor a radical," said Mark Washburn, president of the Capital Resources Institute.

Duke Univ. rates as the most homophobic university in nation

PRINCETON, N.J.—Nine New England schools ranked in the top ten most gay-friendly colleges and universities, and Duke University rated last, *Bay Windows* reported Sept. 23. "The Best 331 Colleges (2000 Edition)" is touted by its publishers, Random House/Princeton Review, as the only college guidebook that combines in-depth profiles and rankings of the top schools based on student feedback. The highest rated school for gay students is Pitzer College near Los Angeles with an enrollment of 6,000. Officials at Duke, which has a Center for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Life and a nationally noted Queer Studies Department, were taken by surprise by the ranking. "I was sort of shocked by it," said John Burness, senior vice president for public affairs. "I tend not to put much stock in guidebook ratings, because they are designed to sell books."

Gay man leaves White House job; AIDS expert to run Medicaid

WASHINGTON—Richard Socarides, who has served as the White House liaison to the gay community since 1996, announced he will leave the Clinton administration on Oct. 15 to work for a consulting firm in New York City, the *Washington Blade* reported Sept. 24. Socarides said he had intended to stay in his White House job until January 2001, but the opportunity provided by Manhattan-based Robinson Lerer & Montgomery, he said, "presented itself sooner than I expected" and was "too good to pass up." His new employer provides strategic communications consulting work for Fortune 500 media companies, including television networks and Internet startup companies. Also, Timothy Westmoreland, a lawyer and leading expert on AIDS policy, has been named to run Medicaid, the national health insurance program for poor and disabled Americans. Westmoreland, 45, is scheduled to start work in mid-October. He is recognized as an expert on AIDS policy and worked on the House Energy and Commerce subcommittee on health under Democratic Rep. Henry Waxman.

—From staff and wire reports

Richard Socarides is leaving his job as White House liaison to the gay community.

J.C. Penney says trick or treat, but no Tinky

by PAIGE PARVIN

If every parent relied on the J.C. Penney catalog for Halloween costumes, potentially thousands of Dipsy's, LaLa's, and Po's could be expected to take to the streets in search of candy come Oct. 31, but one big purple Teletubby would be conspicuously absent.

Tinky Winky, the purse-toting darling of many gay Americans as well as those under three feet tall, is not an option in J.C. Penney's Halloween costume specialty catalog, although toddlers sporting the other three Teletubby costumes are shown frolicking on page nine.

A corporate spokesperson denied that Tinky's absence has anything to do with Rev. Jerry Falwell's assertion earlier this year that the tubby Tinky is gay. She was ready with an answer when asked why Tinky Winky, the biggest Teletubby and therefore the one often assumed to be the leader, is so notably missing.

"What happened was, with the layout we had, there are only so many pages we had to work with, and the catalog layout only allowed three toddler models," said Stephanie Brown, a J.C. Penney spokesperson. "We had to make choices based on the market's rate of sale, and the Tinky Winky character rates number four."

Brown denied that the well-publicized controversy over Tinky's sexual orientation influenced the decision not just to exclude Tinky from the catalog photo, but also from sales of his costume.

But at least one catalog sales representative acknowledged a connection between Tinky's unavailability and the "outing" of the Teletubby back in February, and the ensuing outcry from parents, religious leaders and gay activists on all sides of the triangle.

Tinky was targeted by the editor of Falwell's *National Liberty Journal*, which alerted parents that the character's purple hue, the triangle on his head, and his red purse betray Tinky's homosexuality and make him a "gay icon" for millions of small, wide-eyed viewers.

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Callers turned away

Local activist Jamie Higgins first learned of J.C. Penney's exclusion of Tinky from a friend, who noticed the character's absence and called the J.C. Penney catalog number to investigate.

The friend was first told the costume was simply not available, according to Higgins, and when he asked why, the sales representative explained that J.C. Penney makes it a policy not to promote the "homosexual lifestyle."

Both Higgins and her partner called J.C. Penney and were unable to obtain a similar explanation of Tinky's absence.

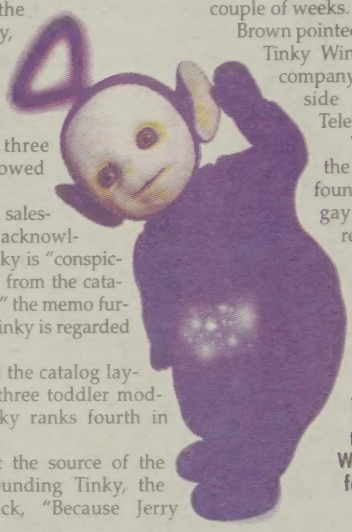
When *Southern Voice* called J.C. Penney last week, posing as a panicked parent in search of the popular but elusive Tinky, a sales representative confirmed that the lime green Dipsy, yellow LaLa, and magenta Po are all available for trick-or-treating fun—but no Tinky Winky.

The sales rep said the company has received numerous calls and complaints from parents about the missing Tinky Winky, and shared an internal memo from J.C. Penney's corporate offices outlining the reason only three Teletubbies were allowed in the catalog.

According to the salesperson, the memo acknowledges that Tinky Winky is "conspicuous by his absence" from the catalog. "In some venues," the memo further stated, "Tinky Winky is regarded as controversial."

The memo claims the catalog layout only permitted three toddler models, and Tinky Winky ranks fourth in national sales.

Questioned about the source of the "controversy" surrounding Tinky, the employee fired back, "Because Jerry Falwell says he's gay." The representative then called Falwell a "crackpot."



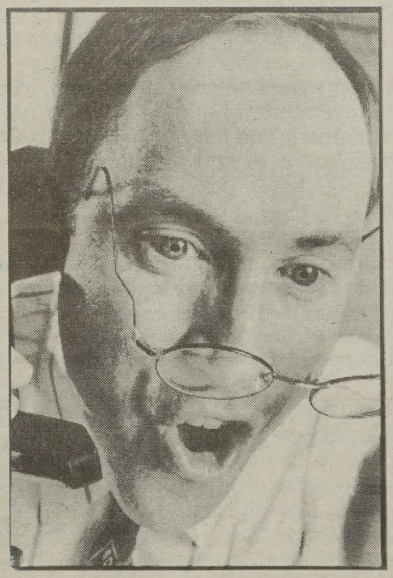
Penney's denies boycott

But there may be hope yet for young would-be Tinky Winky's. J.C. Penney's Brown said some stores will be receiving all four Teletubby costumes, but she's not sure which ones. It's possible, she said, that some Atlanta area J.C. Penney locations will have Tinky costumes sometime in the next couple of weeks.

Brown pointed out that stuffed "animal" Tinky Winky's are available in the company's holiday catalog, alongside the three smaller Teletubbies.

The missing Tinky isn't the first time J.C. Penney has found itself in hot water with gay customers. The giant retailer found itself in hot water two years ago when it pulled its regular commercial for the TV sitcom "Ellen" when the lead character came out.

J.C. Penney claims it's due to lagging sales, but some claim the retailer isn't selling Tinky Winky Halloween costumes for fear of offending conservative parents and religious groups.



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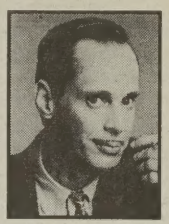

"I'm queer and I'm proud but I'm also mentally ill—so don't expect me to be a role model. I must be gayly incorrect. I'm perhaps the only gay man who has never been to the baths or the gym—I've done much worse. But certainly I can't be your leader."

—Filmmaker John Waters (right) addressing University of Texas film students in early September, as reported in the *Texas Triangle*, Sept. 10.

"There's a lot of gay men and lesbians out there with very childish, idiotic, cloying, stupid, unreflective ideas about what being gay is all about. It's not all about rainbows and hearts."

—Syndicated columnist Dan Savage to the *Chicago Free Press*, Sept. 8.

"[Marcelo Rodriguez is] a very well-respected police officer who has had some very vicious things said about him. [George Michael] has said [things] in numerous interviews in magazines, on television, on the Internet and all over. George Michael has profited greatly out of what has happened at my client's expense."

—Richard F.G. Thomas, lawyer for Marcelo Rodriguez, the Beverly Hills cop who arrested singer George Michael for cruising in a public toilet. Rodriguez is suing Michael for $10 million claiming humiliation, mental anguish, and emotional and physical distress caused by Michael's "Outside" video and public comments Michael has made.

"I didn't see the *Vanity Fair* article. I don't subscribe to *Vanity Fair*. I don't buy *Vanity Fair*."

—Sadie Fields (left), chair of the Christian Coalition of Georgia, when asked by the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* if she had seen a 1995 *Vanity Fair* article about infidelity among congressmen that included a sarcastic reference to Calista Bisek, 33, as Newt Gingrich's frequent breakfast companion. Fields had said she was surprised by recent news accounts of Gingrich's relationship with Bisek.

"We all have something we don't want to tell our parents. In this case, it was that I had so many love scenes. My mom saw my naked butt when she was changing my diapers, and I don't think she cares to see it again. ... I'm sure she'll keep her eyes shut for parts of it."

—Karyn Dwyer, star of the lesbian film "Better Than Chocolate," to the *Calgary Sun*, Sept. 17.

"The military community comprises young, robust, heterosexual people. A shift in policy would amount to an unwelcome social experiment."

—From a confidential paper produced by the Homosexuality Policy Assessment Team, assembled by UK Defense Minister Michael Portillo, who has supported the ban despite recent admissions that he had gay "experiences" while in college.

"The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation says that 28 gay or bisexual, transgendered characters on TV is not enough. There's not enough gay or lesbians on TV next year. In response, some of the networks have decided [on] some new programs for the fall, including 'Two Guys and Two More Guys,' 'Touched by a Florist,' and 'Suddenly Sodomy.'"

—Craig Kilborn (right), telling a joke as host of the "Late Late Show" on CBS. GLAAD has responded by criticizing Kilborn for being "derogatory."

"Whenever there is something like this presented to the public, then it's open to every person in the U.S. Our government is pushing this, and I just feel it in my bones the homosexuals would be using it as a performing arts center to put on a show."

—Rev. Robert D. Heitzman of the Church at Elk City, Idaho, at a public hearing on a proposed community education and performing arts center. Heitzman also said he fears building the center would give girls a place to get abortions without their parents' knowledge, according to a Sept. 25 article in the *Spokane (Wash.) Spokesman-Review*.

Around the World

British legal society recommends parity for gay, straight couples

LONDON—A proposal to give gay couples the same cohabiting rights as heterosexuals was overwhelming endorsed by a British legal society, *The Independent* newspaper reported Sept. 23. By a vote of 66-4, the Law Society, which represents attorneys in England and Wales, called for all unmarried couples to be given greater legal recognition. Its recommendations will now go forward to be considered by the Law Commission, which will publish its own paper shortly. "The Law Society believes that any reforms to the law should seek to enhance the protection available to cohabiting couples without equating cohabitation with marriage. ... Any increased protection should apply equally to heterosexual and homosexual cohabitants." The paper pointed out that an estimated one in four unmarried adults aged 16 to 49 lives lives with someone without getting married, and that many people in Great Britain do not marry, believing wrongly that their relationship would be automatically be converted to a common law marriage after a certain period of time. Only one person spoke against the paper. "Why should people who have been DNA programmed to procreate and reproduce in the normal way be put on the same level as those who engage in self-indulgent acts of such disgusting depravity?" said society member Trevor Murray, who voted against the proposal.

Equal rights bill, including patrimony, introduced in Colombia

BOGOTA, Colombia—A member of the Colombian Senate has introduced a bill to give gay Colombians equal rights in several arenas, the *Washington Blade* reported Sept. 24. A press release from the Colombian Gay and Lesbian Association in New York says the bill, introduced Sept. 8 by Sen. Margarita Londono, addresses issues like the addition of sexual orientation to the existing list of Colombian bias crimes categories and creating "valid social patrimony agreements" for same-sex couples to validate their relationships. The bill also calls for extending Colombia's version of Medicaid to families registered under the agreements. Social security benefits would be extended to couples registered under the agreements and their families, and sex-change operations would be covered by government insurance. The proposed bill would protect the "liberty of association and congregation between homosexuals" and also calls on the National Ministry of Education to remove anti-gay bias from textbooks. It has yet to reach a vote.

Canadian city hopes plan for soccer stadium will end gay cruising

CALGARY—City officials are planning to build a soccer stadium on a vacant grassland area, hoping to scare away gay men who often cruise there for sex, the *Calgary Sun* reported Sept. 23. "The police are of the view, that with more people and uses in the area, it won't be used for that purpose any longer," said Alderman Bob Hawkesworth. Permission is being sought by the Renfrew neighborhood to build two full-sized and four minor-league soccer pitches in the Bottomlands area. Paid for by community fund-raising, the $314,000 project would supply space for the fast growing sport, and residents agree it would end the less "desirable" activities. "The problem the community has is they put a kid's park down there, and now it's used for undesirable activity by adult males," said Ron Powers, president of the Renfrew Community Association.

British activist reveals eight-year affair with Tory leader

LONDON—A British gay rights activist has claimed to have had an eight-year affair with Michael Portillo, the former Member of Parliament who is returning to politics in hopes of leading the Conservative Party in the next British election, BBC Online reported Sept. 24. When Portillo spoke of his homosexual experiences in September, he said they were confined to his youth and there had been "nothing of that sort" since. Activist Nigel Hart has now revealed he had an eight-year affair with Portillo after college. The announcement caused Lord Tebbit, a former cabinet minister under Margaret Thatcher and current member of the House of Lords, to withdraw his support of Portillo's candidacy, saying he had given his support to Portillo "in the belief that he had no more than a brief encounter when little more than a schoolboy, which I am told is not that uncommon," but "we now know his deviance continued for almost a decade."

Michael Portillo, who hopes to lead the Tory Party, is now said to have been in an eight-year relationship with a gay activist.

New Zealand city hosts international gay travel convention

WELLINGTON—More than 70 travel industry professionals specializing in gay and lesbian tourism gathered in the New Zealand capital for their association's annual convention, the *Christchurch Press* reported Sept. 24. Wellington beat Cologne and Barcelona to host the event, its first time to be held in the Southern Hemisphere. "My impression is that this country is very gay-friendly, receptive, and open," said International Gay and Lesbian Travel Association President Aaron Kampfe. Wellington Deputy Mayor Kerry Prendergast said the symposium was potentially huge for the local tourism market.

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J. Bruce Almond, 44

J. Bruce Almond, 44, died on Sept. 20. The cause of death was AIDS, according to his best friend Jerry Mitchell. As he had wanted, Almond died at home in the company of his family, friends and two cats George and Max.

A native of Augusta, Ga., Almond worked for 18 years at Georgia Baptist Hospital and, for the last two years, at Delta Air Lines Information System Dept. Almond had had AIDS since the mid-1980s, Mitchell said.

"He was an activist and remained one until the end. He was always writing letters to his representatives to get his opinions out there," Mitchell said.

Almond was a volunteer with AIDS Survival Project for eight years. Mitchell helped organize Almond's caregiving team, which consisted of some 30 people from the Jaya Devi Yoga Studio.

"The love that Bruce sent out rallied that kind of support. It was quite impressive," Almond said.

Almond's survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Almond; sister and brother-in-law Jackie and John Murphy; brother and sister-in-law Steve and Robin Almond; and nieces and nephews Elizabeth and Stephen Almond and Lauren and Hilary Murphy.

Services were held at H.M. Patterson & Son Historic Spring Hill Chapel. Mitchell delivered a eulogy, as did Lisa Thaler of Chicago and Susan Levy of Atlanta.

Memorial contributions are requested for AIDS Survival Project.

Board strips powers from Millennium March co-producers

by MELINDA SHELTON

NEW ORLEANS—The organizing board for next year's Millennium March on Washington finished a series of contentious, mostly private meetings in New Orleans Tuesday facing complaints from their own full-time staffers about breached legal and ethical obligations.

The two-day meetings opened with an hours-long, closed executive session that extended late into Monday. Among the issues on the table was the proposed hiring of an executive director, who would take over responsibilities currently held by March producers Robin Taylor and Ginny Foat, including fund-raising, obtaining endorsements and corporate sponsorships, publicity and media interaction, obtaining March speakers and entertainers, as well as team management and administration.

When open meetings resumed Tuesday morning, the board announced a surprise re-structuring of the MMOW board, including the creation of an executive director's position.

Board co-chair Ann DeGroot, with OUT Front Minnesota, announced the appointment of board member Malcom Lazin, with PrideFest America in Philadelphia, as interim executive director. Lazin subsequently resigned from the board and said a national search would begin for a permanent executive director.

Tyler and Foat, both visibly upset by the decision, expressed their displeasure with the board's action. Foat told the board she felt the restructuring was "unethical and illegal" and violated the contract signed earlier this year with Robin Tyler Productions.

Foat resigned, effective immediately should the executive director appointment stand.

Tyler said she is "willing to continue under the old [contractual] terms" but is "not willing to work under an executive director." She alleged that the contract between her production company and the March board holds her "legally responsible" for the event, and the appointment of an executive director would impede her ability to perform effectively.

DeGroot countered that the board felt the job reassignments would enable Tyler to focus on grassroots organizing and on the physical event. The board declined to discuss the matter further in an open meeting, referring it to an undetermined future executive session.

Asked if the board's move violated her contract, Tyler demurred, saying she wanted first to consult with her attorney.

The internal dissension follows months of controversy for organizers of the MMOW, who have faced criticism from grassroots activists who complained that the event is too controlled by the lead organizers, the Human Rights Campaign and the Federation of Metropolitan Community Churches, and by the resignation of board member Kerry Lobel, executive director of the National Lesbian & Gay Task Force.

Lobel said she left over frustrations about organizing decisions made by the board.

In other business, the board announced a focus on getting out the gay vote for the year 2000 elections.

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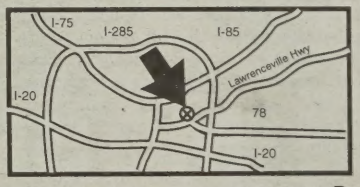

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EDITORIAL

When we get behind closed doors

Less than a year ago, the state's highest court pointed out the dangers that sex regulation by the government pose to our constitutional right to privacy.

Less than a week ago, Atlanta police arrested three men for "public indecency" based on conduct the authorities allege occurred inside a private business establishment.

Just what business is it of the government what we do behind closed doors?

The Georgia Supreme Court made clear, when it struck down the sodomy law last year, that private morality isn't enough to justify criminalizing intimate sexual relations between consenting adults.

The court did acknowledge a role for regulation when the participants were not in private, but these three men weren't in a public park, or in the bushes of a highway rest stop, or in the stalls of a public toilet. These three men were in a gay bar.

Whenever law enforcement officials enter a gay bar and arrest patrons, it's a shivering reminder of the bar raids that sparked the modern-day gay civil rights movement. Atlanta police are no exception to that abusive historical legacy, though the department's current leadership may need education on the subject.

As a result, gay Atlantans look with special apprehension on arrests in a gay bar, and so far at least, this police "visit" raises more questions than answers.

What's indecent?

First, there's the basic issue of whether these men are guilty as charged. They're presumed innocent, and the decision is best left to the judicial system. But what conduct is being alleged as "public indecency"?

According to APD Public Information Officer John Quigley, the police officers entered the gay bar and "found a few folks that were not doing what they should, and they were charged with public indecency." No police report was filed for public review, so that's all we've got to go on thus far.

Three arrested at gay bar, p. 7

Just whose idea was the police action? Quigley said Atlanta police acted at the request of the state's alcohol license regulators. A spokesman for the state says they merely referred a tip to the police department from a "concerned citizen" who alleged he'd seen X-rated videos and sex acts at the bar.

Neither answer satisfies. The police weren't legally obliged to act on the state regulator's tip, and the old saw about complaints from unnamed "concerned citizens" is the last refuge of scoundrels.

"Concerned citizens"—these folks always hide their names and sometimes their faces—do not run our government or our police department; public officials do.

One of those public officials needs to step forward and take responsibility, so at the very least we can get answers to the other obvious questions: like what exactly is the law governing private sex and X-rated videos, and why is it being enforced?

The first question is murky enough; the second is downright confounding.

What is the law?

Since last year at least, adult Georgians have been constitutionally entitled to engage in consensual sex so long as it's not for pay and occurs in private. While it's reasonably clear that your house is private, what about your hotel room? Your car? A private membership clubhouse? A private business establishment?

In California, it's illegal to engage in *private* sex at a sex club or bathhouse. The idea there is that unsafe sex is more likely behind closed doors. But back home, where it's morality and not public health that sets politicians tittering, the opposite holds true.

There are, no doubt, many gay Georgians who would join in criticizing the morality of engaging in anonymous sex, promiscuous sex, or sex at a gay bar.

But the Supreme Court made clear that the majority's views about morality can't justify regulating sex—and that ought to hold true even when a lot of gays, usually the sexual outlaws in these parts, have qualms with the conduct at issue.

Why enforce it?

Even if we assume, for the sake of argument, that sex behind the doors of a private business, so long as it is open to the general public, is considered "public sex," why is that sex law being enforced?

Gay Atlantans have already had enough with public officials who claim no discretion about enforcing every law "on the books."

Michael Bowers didn't turn himself in for adultery; police officers aren't arresting each other for fornication (sex outside marriage); and county prosecutors aren't policing Buckhead looking for folks soliciting sodomy.

For years, the police raided adult novelty stores in Atlanta for selling X-rated videos, now almost every video retailer in town sells them. The law never changed; the authorities just stopped enforcing it.

The same is apparently true for selling vibrators, so long as a store's politically connected neighbors aren't worried about their property values.

Are we now to believe that it's legal to buy and sell X-rated videos and watch them in booths inside adult novelty stores, but it's illegal to show those same videos on a TV inside other private business establishments, like a bar?

And why choose to arrest people for having sex in a private business establishment, if that's what was even happening? Where's the legitimate government interest that outweighs our right to privacy? What difference does it make if liquor is being sold on the premises?

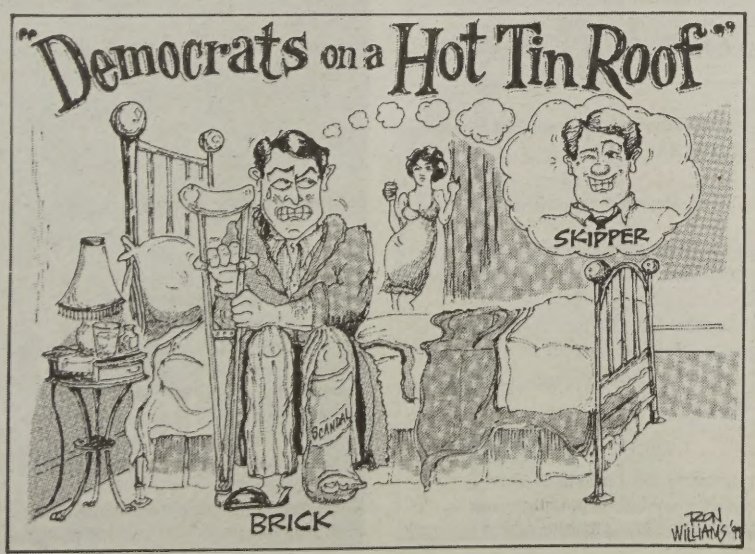
Two years ago, Mayor Bill Campbell paid campaign visits to many of the city's gay bars, lobbying for support in a tight bid for re-election. He was then and is today advised by an informed group of openly gay aides who were then and are today well aware of what goes on at gay bars in this city.

It would be hypocritical, to the say the least, if this administration now plans to go after the patrons at those same bars now that their candidate is safely re-elected.

Either some public official needs to step up to the plate and make the case for regulating our sex lives, or the case should be brought to them.

As we bask in the glow of our victory on DP benefits, it is indeed cause for celebration that public officials—especially our mayor—have joined with us in challenging government regulation that treats committed gay couples unfairly.

But it will indeed be cause for concern if those same public officials sanction government regulation that targets us when we choose not to follow heterosexual norms.



VIEWPOINT

With webcams, we star in our own 'Truman Show'

by JENNIFER VANASCO

I have seen Sean Patrick in his bedroom. In his living room. Almost nude.

I know he's 26 years old, and he programs databases for an international development organization. I know he writes poetry. I know he is gay.

And yet I have no idea if Patrick is his last name or part of his first name.

You see, in the interest of research, I have visited "Sean Patrick Live" at www.seanpatricklive.com. And I have seen Sean Patrick live because he has a webcam.

This webcam business frightens me a little. Think back to about 10 or 15 years ago, when we were all scared about George Orwell's Big Brother. We worried about cameras tracking our every move, watching us go up elevators, noting how we spent our time at the office, following us back home.

More recently, we expressed angst over "The Truman Show." Poor Truman, we thought, forced to live his whole life on television for the gratuitous enjoyment of others.

And yet now we have webcams.

I first saw a site with a daily-record-type webcam about three years ago, when I was directed to one featuring Munro, a golden retriever. I became addicted, refreshing my browser every 20 minutes or so to see Munro napping in the sun, Munro playing with his ball, Munro sitting up expectantly. I began to feel as if I knew Munro, as if he were my own dog.

Then, one afternoon, I ran into Munro in a park.

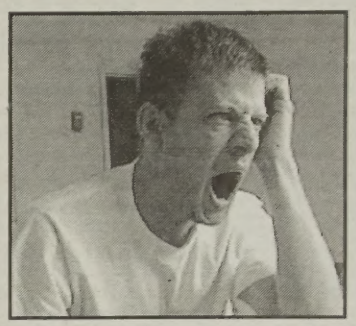
The Golden was nothing like I had expected. He didn't know me. He didn't run up to me wagging his tail. Basically, he slunk around his owner and watched squirrels. My familiarity with Munro's webcam life led me to believe I was familiar with Munro. I was wrong.

Currently, there seems to be a webcam explosion. The magazine *Yahoo Internet Life* reports that more than a half-million web cameras are being sold around the world each year. Most buyers use them for innocuous things: to keep in touch with family, for instance. But how innocent are these things, really?

Newsweek tells an anecdote about Dave Williams, a man who set up a website window on his baby daughter, Danielle. The site was originally put up so that friends and family could check in on the baby; then the fan e-mail started coming in from around the world. Eventually, "DaniCam" numbered 1,000 hits a day. Williams and his wife Sheryl thought the fan mail was sweet—until they saw "The Truman Show." They unhooked DaniCam the next day.

But what if they hadn't?

We had valid reasons for worrying about Big Brother back in the 1980s. Now when we think privacy, we think information—we want to keep private our social security numbers, our Internet passwords, our mother's maiden names. We no longer tend to think of the details of our lives as something that should be private.



But—Jerry Springer, tabloid journalists, MonicaGate and tell-all memoirs to the contrary—our private lives should, in fact, stay private. Once we open the door to our secret selves, we have taken an irrevocable step.

How can we let a hundred million people see us brush our teeth and then claim the government has no right to peek into our relationships? How can we say our employers have no business knowing if we're pregnant or gay if we press the blue pregnancy strip against the camera and kiss our lovers in our bedrooms with the world looking on?

This brings me to the humanity issue. Sean Patrick notes in his web journal that he does not respond to e-mail that asks him to perform sexual acts. "I am not a prostitute," he writes. Others on webcam aren't so circumspect, and not only will respond; they will do what is asked.

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This is a leaching away of our humanity. Humans are not dogs. We should not be able to see every breath of a human's life and direct that person to do or not do certain things. It's frightful enough that there are people who even try to direct another person—a stranger—like this.

People are not puppets. We are not animals. What makes us unique is our spirits, manifested in our private thoughts, actions, dreams and hopes. If all of that is on view free for all the world to see, what is left of us?

Am I saying censure all webcams? Am I saying destroy the technology? Of course not. There are, I'm sure, many good, educational and social reasons for webcams.

But beware the trend of putting oneself on display 24 hours a day like too many have done. I fear they know not what they do.

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LETTERS

Post says its policies don't discriminate

To the Editor:

Post Properties has always held *Southern Voice* in high regard as a newspaper that reputably delivers information to the gay community and the Atlanta community at-large. But your story about housing discrimination at Post Properties was terribly misleading and unfair (news, Sept. 9).

Post Properties does not discriminate against any applicant or resident on the basis of sexual orientation. During its 29-year history, Post has always marketed its properties to all persons without regard to sexual orientation.

Our policy governing the number of residents in each apartment is the same at each Post community: two adult residents in a one-bedroom unit; two adults in a two-bedroom unit and three adults in a three-bedroom unit. Exceptions may be made for special care-giving situations like an adult who needs supervised care.

To ensure our residents accessibility to parking and amenities and to contain noise levels, we limit the number of occupants in each apartment, and these policies apply to all residents, regardless of sexual orientation. Our property management team reviewed this policy and unanimously agreed it was in the best interest of all residents, current and future, to continue it.

Your article described the difficulties three gay men encountered when inquiring about renting at Post Properties. While we apologize for the problems they encountered, those problems were unrelated to their sexual orientation.

It is unfortunate that the residency policies were misconstrued to be a gay issue when it is truly about delivering quality service and comfort to our residents.

Just as *Southern Voice* can pride itself on being a leader in delivering quality information to its readers, Post Properties has prided itself as a leader in providing quality apartment living to its residents.

Martha Logan
Post Properties
Executive Vice President

Editor's note: The Sept. 9 article reported that Post Lindbergh refused to rent a two-bedroom apartment to a gay couple wishing to live with a third adult friend, when a similarly situated, heterosexual married couple would be allowed to do so. Post Properties subsequently revised its policy, the Sept. 9 article reported, to permit as many as four adults, regardless of relationship, to live in a two-bedroom apartment. Southern Voice *stands by the accuracy of that report.*

After publication of the Sept. 9 article, Southern Voice *learned that Post Properties again revised its policy, this time limiting two-bedroom apartments to two adults regardless of relationship, unless the third adult requires special care (see story, p. 7). To date, Post Properties has declined requests to make available written copies of its policies—old and new.*

Gays find Post to be home sweet home

To the Editor:

I am writing this in response to your front-page story on Post Properties ("Housing Discrimination," news, Sept. 9). I have lived at Post Properties for almost two years and have been delighted with the exceptional living experience. I am also employed by Post Properties and have been openly gay since I began 16 months ago.

I have many gay and straight friends who live and work at Post Properties in Atlanta, Dallas and Tampa. I have always been fascinated with the respect I receive from every member of the Post family, including co-workers, superiors and residents.

I moved back to Atlanta two years ago from Phoenix, while my boyfriend stayed behind to finish a work project. I wanted a two-bedroom apartment to share with my boyfriend but concluded that Post was too expensive. The leasing consultant recommended that we consider a large one-bedroom with extra storage space.

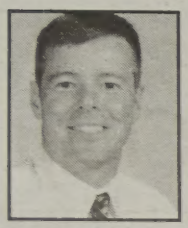
I am very upset that you would print such a derogatory article about a residential apartment company that prides itself in all types of residents and employees without consideration of sexual orientation.

I find it sad that you have chosen to say negative things about a company that has provided me with a good job and a superior place to call home.

I would not work with a company that discriminated against gays. Post knows I am gay, and I am treated with the same respect as any other employee or resident. Being gay is not an issue with Post Properties.

The gay community that does not live at a Post needs to be better informed regarding Post Properties' treatment of the gay community.

Christopher Fisher
Atlanta



FAIR GAME

Toaster ovens for Christian evangelists in our schools

by RANDY FAIR

Two recent events have again raised the issue of gays as role models. One is the New Jersey court ruling rejecting the Boy Scouts' ban on gay men as leaders. The other is the debate in California over an education bill that added sexual orientation to a non-discrimination law.

Conservative leaders are adamant that gays be barred from having contact with children. They defend their bigotry with the antiquated notions that we try to recruit or molest the children. Randy Thomasson, of California's Capitol Resource Institute is typical. "Moms and dads don't send their children to school to learn from homosexual role models," he said during the debate over the California bill.

Studies have repeatedly debunked this horrific myth. According to one, the odds of a child being sexually abused by one of us is between zero and 3.1 percent. The real perpetrators, concluded researcher Karen Harbeck, are "male heterosexual family members."

With the psychological evidence on our side, few educated people are willing to accept conservatives' claims that lesbians and gay men are pedophiles. Only those who listen to pseudo-psychologists like Dr. Laura would believe such nonsense.

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Robbed of one powerful argument, conservatives turn to the dangers of having us as role models. That one's harder to handle scientifically; it's difficult to determine whether students pattern themselves sexually after their teachers. So, conservatives seize on this idea to drive gay educators out of the school system.

The irony is that it isn't us trying to recruit children. With our long tradition of persecution, most gay educators remain deep in the closet. Students have little chance of seeing an openly gay educator as a role model.

To the contrary, it's the conservative Christians who "want the children." They're the ones bent on recruiting, and they don't even try to disguise their efforts.

Many of us remember from our own school experiences how some Christian students felt it their duty to spread the word of Jesus to those of us not yet saved, asking non-Christian students to attend church, a youth group, or even a revival.

But these days, the conservative Christians are smarter: Why not go where the students are (in school), rather than having them come to us? Knowing that nothing is more powerful to a teenager than peer pressure, Christians have decided to make this an essential part of the recruitment strategy.

Since the most popular students in any school are the athletes and cheerleaders, these evangelists infiltrate high school campuses through groups like the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Not satisfied with just this entry point, conservative Christians have begun a practice called "meet you at the pole." Developed by adult leaders, not students, the concept involves encouraging students to meet at the flag pole before school. Once the students have gathered, they circle the pole and pray.

In addition to these strategies, conservative Christians have done everything in their power to reintroduce prayer in the schools. Here in Georgia, some even want to make study of the Bible—from a conservative Christian theological perspective—a part of the regular social studies curriculum.

While there is nothing wrong with Christians forming student groups, those groups ought to be established by students. Too often, it is the adults that take the lead, encouraging students to convert others to Christianity.

No one makes an issue out of Christians blatantly using the schools as recruitment sites even though almost every public high school in the country has a Christian group on campus. Contrast that with the miniscule number of lesbian and gay student groups on high school campus.

Not many would object to Christians having school clubs and support groups. But many object to lesbian and gay students having this same support. While Christian students can look to teachers who belong to their group, gay students rarely see a faculty member able to be open about being gay.

Christian students certainly have a right to make their presence known in public school settings. But public school is for all. So lesbian and gay students should have this same right.

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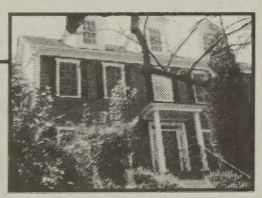

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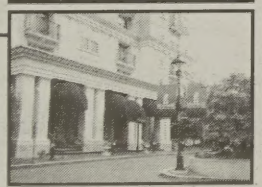

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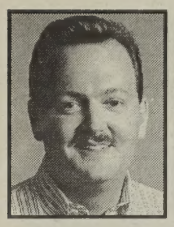


PLANT LIFE

The life and times of a cat named Chap

by DREW PLANT

My last partner swore we would never live together as long as I had a cat. Luckily, passion and maybe compassion overcame that edict, and Chap and I moved in with his "other dad." Ultimately, you can guess what happened: The hardheaded human and the typically mischievous and aloof cat became fast friends.

Chap came to me through a coworker the first month I moved back to Atlanta 11 years ago. The lady brought a videotape of her 13—yes, 13—new kittens to work. Mama Cat was the oversized, pampered and apparently wandering family cat who had been swayed by the affections of a literally wild neighborhood cat.

In the home movie, Chap and a nearly identical all-black sister would wait until all of the other cats scooched up to Mama to nurse. Then, in a series of well-synchronized pounces, Chap and his female counterpart would pounce into the middle of the mix and bat all of their siblings out of the way. When all was clear, the two would suckle for a time, until other kittens joined them and had to be knocked out of the way again. I knew then and there that this was my cat.

So Chap and I went it alone for a while, through his hiding in my shoes, learning to climb metal blinds, "marking" several upholstered items and even tumbling off a third-floor screened porch (having removed part of the screen himself). Luckily the latter act ended with a soft landing in thick grass.

Then came the move in with Other Dad John and the antics began. Cat and detractor matched each other in spirit, as evidenced by games like Chap "attacking" John's napping head, only to be chased around the apartment, delighting in the commotion he caused. The game often ended with Chap leaping onto the draperies or John collapsing in a coughing and laughing fit.

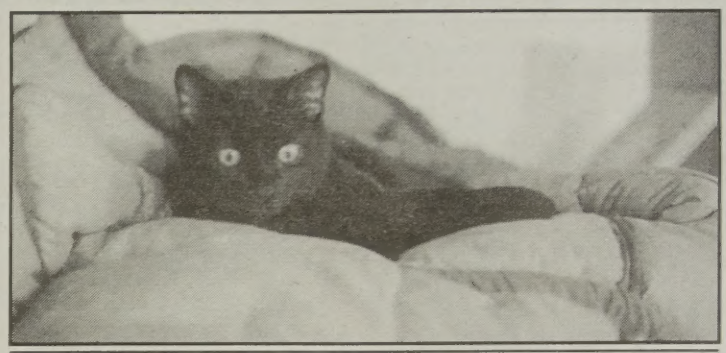
Their other game was kept from my disapproving knowledge until one day when Chap repeatedly ran up to John, sitting at his feet as if waiting for something. A nervous John finally showed me how he would put Chap in a plastic grocery bag, hang him on a doorknob and wait for the cat to escape, punching his way out like a cartoon captive. I was horrified until I saw Chap return to John's feet as if asking to do it again. The usually unmanageable Chap would lie on his side and allow himself to be placed in the bag, repeating the process four and six times.

Then there are the photos. They began with John trying to document Chap's infractions. Chap sleeping on the dining room table. Chap sleeping in the dirt around a potted plant. Chap emerging from the top of the Christmas tree. Eventually, the photos became portraits of a cat's life: sleeping, eating, looking irritated and wearing a "do rag" or tiny lampshade.

Yes, after seeing the latter, staged character photos I put a stop to the photo sessions, fearing for my cat's dignity, if not his health.

Still, I think Chap's finest moment as an entertainer came at the expense of my visiting mother, who confided before her departure that a certain item of feminine hygiene she was preparing to use had disappeared from the bathroom. (Chap The Valet often assisted in bath and dressing routines.)

During a dinner party the next weekend, Chap appeared underneath our glass-top dining room table with something that looked like a big white cigar in his mouth. I immediately got up to call my mother.



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Mom appreciated Chap's mischievousness and recognized his humanness, referring to him as "my grand cat." And he was part of the family. He even had a family name. In homage to my great, great, great grandfather, Chapel T. Whitten, my cat was christened Chapel T. Kitten. Okay, corny, but stuck.

Well, I felt like a lost kid recently when Mr. Kitten became ill and ultimately had to be put to sleep. Although it was a better alternative than intricate surgery followed by a feeding tube and a prognosis that was not promising, the decision was one of my most difficult moments as an adult.

The same day I had to part with Chap, I found out that a business colleague had been in a serious automobile accident with his wife and two-month-old son. His wife was in critical condition and on a ventilator in an ICU unit somewhere. While such troubling news didn't lessen my own pain, it certainly put it in perspective.

I am certain to re-cat my household some day, but I also would just like to mourn my friend for a little while. With a little time, I can get used to the fact that any black spots I see out of the corner of my eye are probably just shadows or piles of socks.

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Dykes To Watch Out For by Alison Bechdel

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YOUR MAIL.
BRIDE'S MAGAZINE?
SPLAP!
IS THERE SOMETHING YOU'D LIKE TO TELL ME, SPARROW? ASIDE FROM THE FACT THAT ORGANZA IS BACK?
OH MY GOD! I BET MY MOM DID THIS! EVER SINCE I CAME OUT TO HER ABOUT STUART, SHE THINKS IT MEANS I'M STRAIGHT. SHE CAN'T UNDERSTAND THAT I'M A BISEXUAL LESBIAN!
WELL, IT'S A NUANCE THAT CAN ELUDE THE BEST OF US.
LOOK, IN A PERFECT WORLD, I WOULDN'T HAVE TO CALL MYSELF ANYTHING. BUT FOR NOW, BI-DYKE WORKS FOR ME, OKAY?
HMO PHOBIC
I THINK I'M A BUTCH LESBIAN IN A STRAIGHT MAN'S BODY.
SOFT BUTCH. MAY-BE.
IT'S NOT AS SIMPLE FOR EVERYONE AS IT IS FOR YOU, GINGER! SOMETIMES PEOPLE CHANGE. IDENTITY IS SO MUCH MORE COMPLEX AND FLUID THAN THESE RIGID LITTLE CATEGORIES OF STRAIGHT, GAY, AND BI CAN POSSIBLY REFLECT.
YOU'RE A SWEETHEART, LOIS. SEE YA LATER.
'KAY, JERRY. HAVE FUN.
WHO WAS THAT? DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE SEEING A MAN TOO.
NO, JUST LENDING HIM A TIE. THOUGH HE IS KIND OF HOT.
HE REMINDS ME OF SOMEONE... WHATSERNAME... YOU KNOW, THAT BUFF BABE, YOUR MECHANIC?
GERALDINE, EXACTLY. ONLY NOW HE'S A BUFF TRANS GUY, AND HIS NAME'S JERRY.
ARE YOU SERIOUS? LIKE, WITH SURGERY? AND TESTOSTERONE? GOD, I JUST CAN'T UNDERSTAND THAT!
UH... "SOMETIMES PEOPLE CHANGE?" "IDENTITY IS COMPLEX AND FLUID?" ANY OF THAT RING A BELL?
CHANGING YOUR BODY TO CONFORM TO A RIGID, CONVENTIONAL GENDER IDENTITY IS JUST MORE BINARY THINKING! WHAT WAS WRONG WITH BEING A BUTCH DYKE?
HE DOESN'T FEEL LIKE A BUTCH DYKE. HE FEELS LIKE A GAY MAN.
SKIP FLUID. PRESS "LIQUEFY."
OH MY GOD! GERALDINE FROM RAINBOW AUTOMOTIVE?! I USED TO HAVE SUCH A THING FOR HER! I MEAN HIM... I MEAN... WOW!
DON'T GET TOO EXCITED, STU. HE GOES MORE FOR THE STUPHORSE TYPE.
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Action! Alert

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'Creating Change' set for Oakland

Time is now to register for NGLTF's annual organizing conference for gay activists

Kerry Lobel, executive director of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force

For the first time, the "Creating Change" conference will be staged in Oakland, Calif., next month. The 12th annual event, dubbed "the national organizing conference for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender movement," is sponsored by the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force.

The conference begins with two days of pre-conference institutes on Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 10 and 11. The event officially gets underway on Thursday evening with the plenary session "Politics is a Many Gendered Thing."

Friday's plenary session is "An Accessible Movement," a look at organizations' ability to welcome people of differing physical abilities. "Religion as an Agent for Social Change" on Saturday looks at how religion has powered movements as diverse as prohibition and the drive for civil rights. Sunday's plenary session, "Our Movement's Second Century," will look at the gay movement's progress at it prepares for its "second century" of activism.

During the weekend, more than 150 workshops will be offered. Topics for these sessions include civil rights laws; anti-gay hate crimes; freedom to marry; family issues; domestic partnership; elections; electoral strategies; fund-raising and philanthropy; lobbying; repealing sodomy laws; media activism; sexuality and gender identity; rural organizing; accessibility issues; statewide coalitions; men's health and culture; class and economic justice; communities of faith; youth organizing; volunteer management; cyber-organizing; aging and ageism; boards of directors; community centers; Bay Area gay history; grass-roots organizing; organizational development; workplace organizing veterans and military issues; school and campus organizing; and leadership skills.

Atlanta activist Larry Pellegrini, the public policy director of the Georgia Rural Urban Summit, is planning to attend his "sixth or seventh" "Creating Change" conference.

"I had never met another gay lobbyist until I started attending 'Creating Change,'" Pellegrini said. "You get to share ideas with people who do the same things you do.

"There's a lot of enthusiasm because of the concentration of people who are interested in doing the work. These are workers, not just talkers. These are people you later read about doing some of the things you'd talked about," he said.

"Sharing ideas and war stories are not just chat there. It gives you ideas of what things work in grassroots politics. 'Creating Change' is the perfect title for it," Pellegrini said. "These are people who are interested in creating change, and people leave the conference and create change themselves."

"Creating Change" will be held at the Marriott City Center in downtown Oakland. To get the conference rate of $127 for single, double, triple and quad rooms, mention the conference and make your reservation by Oct. 12. For reservations, telephone 510-451-4000. A limited amount of community housing will be available—telephone the Oakland Host Committee at 510-834-6333.

For discount airfares, call the official conference carrier, American Airlines, at 800-433-1790 or the conference travel agent, Pillsbury & Co., at 800-544-4316.

The National Youth Advocacy Coalition, in conjunction with the Gill Foundation, is offering $500 scholarships to non-white and rural youth to attend Creating Change. Organizers 22 and younger are eligible, but the deadline for application is Oct. 4. Call Josh at 202-319-7596.

The registration fee is $150 for the conference only; $200 for the conference and one pre-conference institute; and $225 for the conference plus two pre-conference institutes. Organizations may send up to 21 attendees for a flat fee of $2,000.

ACTION! info

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■ **NIH research showed people taking CRIXIVAN in triple therapy lived longer and experienced fewer opportunistic infections.**

Recent year-long research conducted by the National Institutes of Health (Protocol ACTG 320) studied over 1,000 patients and confirmed results from another study. The group of patients receiving CRIXIVAN along with 3TC and AZT achieved a reduction in deaths and AIDS-defining illnesses over those taking 3TC and AZT alone. This reduction was significant enough for the NIH to recommend the study be stopped, so that all participants could benefit from the findings. Because the study was ended early, there was insufficient data to determine the statistical impact of CRIXIVAN on survival.

■ **CRIXIVAN in triple therapy continues to hold serum viral load down below the limit of detection at the one year mark.**

In a separate, ongoing landmark study, over 90% of the 31 patients receiving CRIXIVAN, AZT, and 3TC reduced their HIV serum viral load below the limit of detection after 24 weeks (as measured by available tests; the virus may still be present in other organ systems). Importantly, the limited number of patients who chose to stay with the study for longer periods of time maintained these results through the one year mark.

■ **CRIXIVAN is generally well tolerated.**

CRIXIVAN can be taken with a light meal or on an empty stomach. There are side effects associated with protease inhibitors in general and CRIXIVAN in particular. Some patients treated with CRIXIVAN may develop kidney stones. For some, this can lead to more severe kidney problems including kidney failure. Drinking at least 6 glasses of water each day may help reduce the chance of forming a kidney stone. Other side effects reported include rapid breakdown of red blood cells and liver problems. There are some common medications and AIDS-related medications you should not take with CRIXIVAN. As with other protease inhibitors, severe muscle pain and weakness have occurred in patients also taking cholesterol-lowering medicines called "statins". Discuss all medications you are taking or plan to take with your doctor. Additionally, as with other protease inhibitors, increased bleeding in some patients with hemophilia and increased blood sugar levels or diabetes have been reported. Please read the following page for detailed information on side effects and dosing.

Please read the following page for more detailed information about CRIXIVAN.

CRIXIVAN is a protease inhibitor that fights HIV. CRIXIVAN can help reduce the chance of illnesses and death associated with HIV. CRIXIVAN can also help lower the amount of HIV in your body (called "viral load") and raise your CD4 T-cell count. Some patients may not experience these effects. CRIXIVAN is not a cure for HIV or AIDS.

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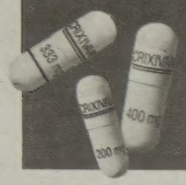

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Please read this information before you start taking CRIXIVAN. Also, you should read the information included with CRIXIVAN each time you receive your prescription, just in case anything has changed. Remember, this information does not take the place of careful discussions with your doctor. You and your doctor should discuss CRIXIVAN when you start taking your medication and at regular checkups. You should remain under a doctor's care when using CRIXIVAN and should not change or stop treatment without first talking with your doctor.

What is CRIXIVAN?

CRIXIVAN is an oral capsule used for the treatment of HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus). HIV is the virus that causes AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome). CRIXIVAN is a type of HIV drug called a protease (PRO-tee-ase) inhibitor.

How does CRIXIVAN work?

CRIXIVAN is a protease inhibitor that fights HIV. CRIXIVAN can help reduce your chances of getting illnesses associated with HIV. CRIXIVAN can also help lower the amount of HIV in your body (called "viral load") and raise your CD4 (T) cell count. CRIXIVAN may not have these effects in all patients.

CRIXIVAN is usually prescribed with other anti-HIV drugs such as ZDV (also called AZT), 3TC, ddI, ddC, or d4T. CRIXIVAN works differently from these other anti-HIV drugs. Talk with your doctor about how you should take CRIXIVAN.

CRIXIVAN has been studied in adults. The safety and effectiveness of CRIXIVAN in children and adolescents have not been established.

How should I take CRIXIVAN?

There are six important things you must do to help you benefit from CRIXIVAN:

1. **Take CRIXIVAN capsules every day as prescribed by your doctor.** Continue taking CRIXIVAN unless your doctor tells you to stop. Take the exact amount of CRIXIVAN that your doctor tells you to take, right from the very start. To help make sure you will benefit from CRIXIVAN, you must not skip doses or take "drug holidays." If you don't take CRIXIVAN as prescribed, the activity of CRIXIVAN may be reduced (due to resistance).
2. **Take CRIXIVAN capsules every 8 hours around the clock, *every day*.** It may be easier to remember to take CRIXIVAN if you take it at the same time every day. If you have questions about when to take CRIXIVAN, your doctor or health care provider can help you decide what schedule works for you.
3. **If you miss a dose by more than 2 hours, wait and then take the next dose at the regularly scheduled time.** However, if you miss a dose by less than 2 hours, take your missed dose immediately. Then take your next dose at the regularly scheduled time. Do not take more or less than your prescribed dose of CRIXIVAN at any one time.
4. **Take CRIXIVAN with water.** You can also take CRIXIVAN with other beverages such as skim or non-fat milk, juice, coffee, or tea.
5. **Ideally, take each dose of CRIXIVAN without food but with water at least one hour before or two hours after a meal.** Or you can take CRIXIVAN with a light meal. Examples of light meals include:
   - dry toast with jelly, juice, and coffee (with skim or non-fat milk and sugar if you want)
   - corn flakes with skim or non-fat milk and sugar

   Do not take CRIXIVAN at the same time as any meals that are high in calories, fat, and protein (for example — a bacon and egg breakfast). When taken at the same time as CRIXIVAN, these foods can interfere with CRIXIVAN being absorbed into your bloodstream and may lessen its effect.
6. **It is critical that you drink at least six 8-ounce glasses of liquid (preferably water) throughout the day, every day. CRIXIVAN can cause kidney stones.** Having enough fluids in your body should help reduce the chances of forming a kidney stone. Call your doctor or other health care provider if you develop kidney pains (middle to lower stomach or back pain) or blood in the urine.

Does CRIXIVAN cure HIV or AIDS?

CRIXIVAN is not a cure for HIV or AIDS. People taking CRIXIVAN may still develop infections or other conditions associated with HIV. Because of this, it is very important for you to remain under the care of a doctor. Although CRIXIVAN is not a cure for HIV or AIDS, CRIXIVAN can help reduce your chances of getting illnesses, including death, associated with HIV. CRIXIVAN may not have these effects in all patients.

Does CRIXIVAN reduce the risk of passing HIV to others?

CRIXIVAN has not been shown to reduce the risk of passing HIV to others through sexual contact or blood contamination.

Who should not take CRIXIVAN?

Do not take CRIXIVAN if you have had a serious allergic reaction to CRIXIVAN or any of its components.

What other medical problems or conditions should I discuss with my doctor?

Talk to your doctor if:

- You are pregnant or if you become pregnant while you are taking CRIXIVAN. We do not yet know how CRIXIVAN affects pregnant women or their developing babies.
- You are breast-feeding. You should stop breast-feeding if you are taking CRIXIVAN.

Also talk to your doctor if you have:

- Problems with your liver, especially if you have mild or moderate liver disease caused by cirrhosis.
- Problems with your kidneys.
- Diabetes
- Hemophilia
- High cholesterol and you are taking cholesterol-lowering medicines called "statins."

Tell your doctor about any medicines you are taking or plan to take, including non-prescription medicines.

Can CRIXIVAN be taken with other medications?**

Drugs you should not take with CRIXIVAN:

SELDANE® (terfenadine)	HISMANAL® (astemizole)
VERSED® (midazolam)	HALCION® (triazolam)
PROPULSID® (cisapride)	Ergot medications (e.g., Wigraine® and Cafergot®)

Taking CRIXIVAN with the above medications could result in serious or life-threatening problems (such as irregular heartbeat or excessive sleepiness).

In addition, you should not take CRIXIVAN with rifampin, known as RIFADIN®, RIFAMATE®, RIFATER®, or RIMACTANE®.

Drugs you can take with CRIXIVAN include:

RETROVIR® (zidovudine, ZDV also called AZT)	BIAXIN® (clarithromycin)
TAGAMET® (cimetidine)	isoniazid (INH)
DIFLUCAN® (fluconazole)	ORTHO-NOVUM 1/35® (oral contraceptive)
EPIVIR™ (lamivudine, 3TC)	ZERIT® (stavudine, d4T)
BACTRIM®/SEPTRA® (trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole)	

VIDEX® (didanosine, ddI) — If you take CRIXIVAN with VIDEX®, take them at least one hour apart.

MYCOBUTIN® (rifabutin) — If you take CRIXIVAN with MYCOBUTIN®, your doctor may adjust both the dose of MYCOBUTIN and the dose of CRIXIVAN.

NIZORAL® (ketoconazole) — If you take CRIXIVAN with NIZORAL®, your doctor may adjust the dose of CRIXIVAN.

Talk to your doctor about any medications you are taking.

What are the possible side effects of CRIXIVAN?

Like all prescription drugs, CRIXIVAN can cause side effects. The following is **not** a complete list of side effects reported with CRIXIVAN when taken either alone or with other anti-HIV drugs. Do not rely on this page alone for information about side effects. Your doctor can discuss with you a more complete list of side effects.

Some patients treated with CRIXIVAN developed kidney stones. In some of these patients this led to more severe kidney problems, including kidney failure or inflammation of the kidneys. Drinking at least six 8-ounce glasses of liquid (preferably water) each day should help reduce the chances of forming a kidney stone. Call your doctor or other health care provider if you develop kidney pains (middle to lower stomach or back pain) or blood in the urine.

Some patients treated with CRIXIVAN have had rapid breakdown of red blood cells (hemolytic anemia) which in some cases was severe or resulted in death.

Some patients treated with CRIXIVAN have had liver problems including liver failure and death. Some patients had other illnesses or were taking other drugs. It is uncertain if CRIXIVAN caused these liver problems.

Diabetes and high blood sugar (hyperglycemia) have occurred in patients taking protease inhibitors. In some of these patients, this led to ketoacidosis, a serious condition caused by poorly controlled blood sugar. Some patients had diabetes before starting protease inhibitors, others did not. Some patients required adjustments to their diabetes medication. Others needed new diabetes medication.

In some patients with hemophilia, increased bleeding has been reported.

Severe muscle pain and weakness have occurred in patients taking protease inhibitors, including CRIXIVAN, together with some of the cholesterol-lowering medicines called "statins." Call your doctor if you develop severe muscle pain or weakness.

Clinical Studies

Increases in bilirubin (one laboratory test of liver function) have been reported in approximately 10% of patients. Usually, this finding has not been associated with liver problems. However, on rare occasions, a person may develop yellowing of the skin and/or eyes.

Side effects occurring in 2% or more of patients included: abdominal pain, fatigue or weakness, flank pain, feeling unwell, nausea, diarrhea, vomiting, acid regurgitation, loss of appetite, dry mouth, back pain, headache, trouble sleeping, dizziness, taste changes, rash, upper respiratory infection, dry skin, and sore throat.

Swollen kidneys due to blocked urine flow occurred rarely.

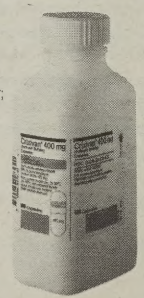
Marketing Experience

Other side effects reported since CRIXIVAN has been marketed include: allergic reactions; severe skin reactions; abdominal swelling; inflammation of the kidneys; inflammation of the pancreas; increased fat appearing in areas such as the neck, breasts, abdomen, and back; change in skin color; hair loss; ingrown toenails with or without infection; crystals in the urine; and numbness of the mouth.

Tell your doctor promptly about these or any other unusual symptoms. If the condition persists or worsens, seek medical attention.

How should I store CRIXIVAN capsules?

- Keep CRIXIVAN capsules in the bottle they came in and at room temperature (59°F-86°F).
- Keep CRIXIVAN capsules dry by leaving the small desiccant "pillow" in the bottle. Keep the bottle closed.



This medication is prescribed for a particular condition. Do not use it for any other condition or give it to anybody else. Keep CRIXIVAN and all medicines out of the reach of children. If you suspect that more than the prescribed dose of this medicine has been taken, contact your local poison control center or emergency room immediately.

This provides a summary of information about CRIXIVAN. If you have any questions or concerns about either CRIXIVAN or HIV, talk to your doctor.

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Religion News

Archbishop urges Africans to reconsider gay clergy, marriage

LONDON—Controversial Anglican Archbishop Dr. George Carey announced his intention to review the church's ban on gay clergy and same-sex marriages at a November meeting at a monastery in New York, the *Electronic Telegraph* reported Sept. 25. Carey said he had called the meeting to initiate "thoughtful theological discussion" missing from recent church gatherings that started the controversy. "It will be a conversation where we will look at how we understand the Bible and hear what homosexuals are saying. There will be no time limit, it may take many years. We need to get the African bishops and their churches to discuss this and not be fearful of the issue." Meanwhile, at least two cases of priests in the Anglican Church knowingly marrying transsexuals have been reported by the *London Times*. One case involves two men, one of whom used to be a woman; the priest in that case did not hesitate to marry the individuals. A second case involved a man who had originally been a woman and his female partner. A member of Sibyls, a support group for Christian transsexuals, said at least 21 clergy consider themselves transgendered.

Anglican Archbishop George Carey said he hopes African bishops will 'discuss this and not be fearful of the issue.'

Gay priest resigns from N.J. parish due to strain on marriage

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) - A gay priest whose ordination divided the Episcopal church has left the parish where he ministered for six years, blaming the controversy that surrounded him. Rev. Barry Stopfel said the furor strained his relationship with his partner, and preached his last sermon at St. George's Church in Maplewood on Sunday. "My ministry has not been a typical one," said Stopfel. "It has been deeply gratifying but very stressful, and it has taken its toll on me and our marriage." When Stopfel was ordained as a deacon in 1990, conservative Episcopal bishops filed heresy charges against Newark Bishop Walter Righter. Righter's trial was averted, but a church court in 1996 ruled that church doctrine does not explicitly bar the ordination of practicing homosexuals. Stopfel, 51, and his partner are moving to a 25-acre farm in an Amish area of Pennsylvania, where he said he will write a book.

Methodist minister to face second trial for gay wedding

OMAHA—Nebraska Bishop Joel Martinez announced Sept. 23 that a committee had found "reasonable grounds" for charging United Methodist minister Jimmy Creech with a violation of church law for presiding over the same-sex union of two men in North Carolina, the *Omaha World-Herald* reported Sept. 24. It is the second time in two years that Creech was charged with violating church law, the first stemming from a union of two women while he was pastor of First United Methodist in Omaha. Creech was narrowly acquitted in that case. Reached at his home in Raleigh, N.C., Creech admitted that he had violated church law by performing the second ceremony, but said that the immorality of the law made him innocent of violating the order and discipline of his denomination, as he is charged. "How can such an encumbered church witness to the grace of God?" Creech asked.

Mexican MCC members march in honor of country's patron saint

MEXICO CITY—Carrying balloons and giving flowers to onlookers, a group of about 60 gay men, lesbians, and transgendered people marched through Mexico's capital Sept. 25 to honor the country's Roman Catholic patron saint, Reuters news service reported. Under a white banner emblazoned with the image of the Virgin of Guadeloupe, the pilgrims chanted religious songs, recited prayers and waved signs reading, "Guadeloupe: If You Love Us, God Is Love," as they marched toward the basilica dedicated to her. "We are here to give a testimony of faith and to ask the Virgin to renew the values of tolerance," said Rev. Jorge Sosa of the fledgling MCC chapter in Mexico City. Newspapers quoted Catholic church leaders as saying they respect anyone's desire to see the Virgin of Guadeloupe, they but labeled the procession a "manipulative" and political gesture.

S.F. Supervisor pushes city to challenge Mormon tax-exemption

SAN FRANCISCO—The San Francisco city attorney's office agrees with openly gay City Supervisor Mark Leno that the Mormon Church may have violated its tax-exempt status when it encouraged its California members to fund an initiative that would ban gay marriages, the *San Francisco Chronicle* reported Sept. 24. Deputy City Attorney Mario Kashou told a Board of Supervisors panel Sept. 24 that it should urge the IRS to investigate the church's opposition to the Knight Initiative, which would define marriage as the union of a man and a woman. Last year, the Utah-based church contributed $1.1 million to defeat same-sex marriage initiatives in Alaska and Hawaii. The board's Rules Committee approved the request Sept. 23, and the full board will hear Leno's resolution Oct. 4.

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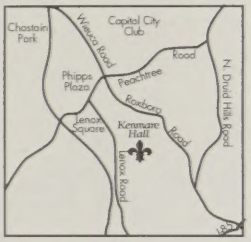

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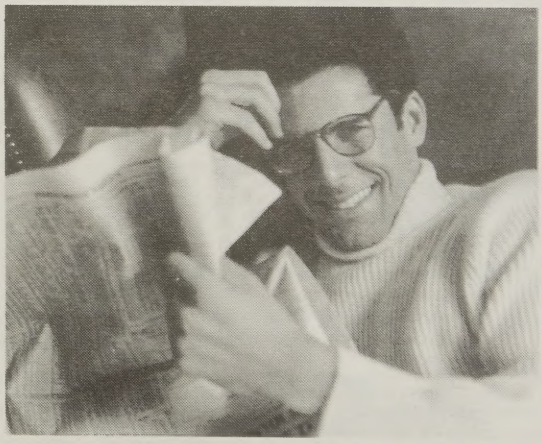

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The fight for DP benefits

1993

• city of Atlanta passes ordinances creating a domestic partnership registry for city employees and Atlanta residents, and providing DP insurance coverage for city employees. Then-Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson vetoes the legislation, inciting protests at City Hall and his home. Jackson asks for the ordinances to be resubmitted, and they pass. The ordinances, while a victory for activists and their supporters on the council, is met with almost immediate legal challenges.

1994

• In response to a query from then-Insurance Commissioner Tim Ryles on the legality of DP benefits for private entities, then-Attorney General Michael Bowers issues an opinion finding the benefits lawful if the domestic partner is a dependent of the employee and no municipal ordinances are involved.

Former Attorney General Michael Bowers

1995

• In *city of Atlanta v. McKinney*, the Georgia Supreme Court upholds the city of Atlanta's DP registry as constitutional, but finds the first benefits ordinance unconstitutional because it seeks to recognize domestic partners as a "family relationship."

• John Oxendine takes office as insurance commissioner. He then withdraws permission for DP policies that had previously been approved, and issues a directive stating his opinion that DP benefits that don't "meet the requirements of a ceremonial or common law marriage" are "contrary to the public policy of the state of Georgia."

Henceforth, the only companies that can offer DP benefits in Georgia are those few that are large enough to self-insure, making them outside Oxendine's regulatory reach.

1996

• Atlanta City Council and Mayor Bill Campbell approve the second domestic partner benefits ordinance, rewritten to address the problems the Georgia Supreme Court found in the first DP benefits ordinance. Legal challenges again ensue.

1997

• Michael Bowers resigns as attorney general to launch his unsuccessful bid for the Republican gubernatorial nomination; Democratic state legislator Thurbert Baker is appointed attorney general.

• In *city of Atlanta v. Morgan*, the Georgia Supreme Court upholds Atlanta's second DP benefits ordinance, holding that the ordinance "defines 'dependent' consistent with state law" and "is not in violation of either the Georgia Constitution or the Municipal Home Rule Act."

1998

• Beginning in February, when United Healthcare files its first DP amendment with the insurance commissioner's office, Oxendine follows the same pattern with each of the city of Atlanta's four insurance providers:

The companies—Kaiser, Prudential and Blue Cross & Blue Shield, in addition to United—file for permission to offer the benefits, then Oxendine waits the maximum 90 days allowed by law to exercise his right to ask for another 90 days.

After that 90 days expires, Oxendine rejects each application in turn, citing a lack of actuarial information to support the proposed rates. The companies then submit the rate information, but Oxendine does not approve the applications.

The process takes almost an entire year, but in December, Oxendine issues his first substantive refusal to an insurance company wanting to offer DP benefits, telling United Healthcare that the coverage is "unfair, inequitable, would encourage misrepresentation and is contrary to the public policy of the state."

• Thurbert Baker wins re-election as attorney general.

• With no viable opposition, John Oxendine is re-elected insurance commissioner.

1999

• In January, the city of Atlanta files a request asking for a hearing with the insurance commissioner about the United denial. Oxendine rejects the request on grounds that the city does not have standing to intervene in the case.

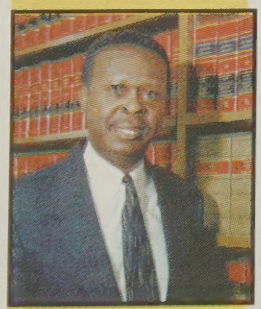
• In rulings issued from February to April, Oxendine rejects DP applications from the other three city of Atlanta insurance providers, citing reasons identical to the United denial. The city asks for a hearing in each case; Oxendine rejects each request.

• In March, the city of Atlanta files a lawsuit against Oxendine in Fulton County Superior Court, asking the judge to order the insurance commissioner to approve DP benefits.

• In June, Judge Wendy L. Shoob denies Oxendine's motion to dismiss the city's lawsuit, and grants permission for openly lesbian Atlanta City Council member Cathy Woolard to join as a plaintiff with the city. Woolard seeks benefits for her partner of 11 years, Karen Geney.

• In motions for summary judgment filed in July, all parties to the Oxendine lawsuit agree that there are no major disputes of fact, and ask the judge to rule on the case without holding a formal trial.

• At a Sept. 22 hearing, Shoob grants the city's motion for summary judgment, ordering Oxendine to approve the Atlanta's DP requests and forbidding him from rejecting DP benefits on the same grounds in the future. DP supporters declare victory but await word on whether Oxendine will appeal.



Current Attorney General Thurbert Baker

Oxendine mum on DP benefits appeal

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"I am pleasantly surprised that Judge Shoob was ready to rule right now. We expected a decision soon, but it is gratifying to have it right away," said Steve Scarborough, the Lambda staff attorney who represented Woolard. He noted that while Atlanta's DP benefits apply to both opposite-sex and same-sex partners, Oxendine's ban on the benefits "had a disproportionate impact on gay and lesbian couples."

"Overall, workplace fairness for gay Georgians is enhanced by this ruling," Scarborough said.

"I think this is great for the employees of the city, and it's great for us," Woolard said, holding her partner's hand as the courtroom emptied. "We know lots of couples, both city employees and not, who have been waiting on this decision to get support for their households, so this is really going to be greeted with great fanfare in the community."

Harold Melton, the senior assistant attorney general who argued the case for Oxendine, declined comment immediately after the ruling was announced.

But while the insurance commissioner was not present in court, he told a television reporter later that afternoon that DP benefits violate the "basic morality" of the state of Georgia.

Oxendine's comment brought a quick response from Harry Knox, executive director of the Georgia Equality Project, the statewide gay political group.

"I think it's immoral for anyone to deny another human being the right to have health insurance, and I think it immoral to be a bigot," Knox said.

Celebration and concern

Overall, the ruling brought both celebration and concern for gay activists, who tempered joy at the decision with worries about a possible appeal.

At press time, a celebration of the "Victory for Atlanta Domestic Partnership" was scheduled for Wednesday afternoon in the City Hall Atrium.

The city's Domestic Partnership Registry was planned to be "open for business," and festivities were set to include a "just registered" cake cutting and speakers including Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell, attorneys who worked on the case, City Council members who supported the DP ordinance, and Atlanta activists who fought for the benefits.

"Our city has always been a place that has cherished equal opportunity and fair and just treatment for all its people and workers," Campbell said in a release issued after the ruling. "We are glad that all the legal impediments have finally been removed and now we can implement this important policy."

Appeal may depend on Oxendine, court

While city officials said they plan to offer the DP benefits "immediately" after Oxendine's court-mandated approval letter is received, attorneys for both sides said the insurance commissioner and attorney general could try to appeal the case.

Scarborough said it remains "a little bit murky" whether the appeal would go to the Court of Appeals or directly to the Georgia Supreme Court, but "it would be a discretionary appeal, meaning regardless of which court, there is no absolute right to appeal."

"The insurance commissioner would have to make an application for discretionary appeal, and then only if the [appeals] court granted it would it proceed," Scarborough said. The request for an appeal would have to filed within 30 days of the judge's written order, which was Sept. 23.

At press time, representatives for both the attorney general's office and the insurance commissioner's office declined comment on whether they would appeal, saying they had not had time to review Shoob's written ruling, which was dated Sept. 23.

Gina Gassert, spokesperson for Oxendine, said his office did not receive the ruling until Tuesday morning, and Oxendine was out of the office and unavailable for comment.

Daryl Robinson, spokesperson for Attorney General Thurbert Baker, said Tuesday that his office had not yet received the written order and could not say whether an appeal would be filed.

Phil McDonald, a special assistant to Mayor Campbell, told activists attending last week's "empowerment lunch" at Outwrite Bookstore that the city had received a call from the attorney general's office that "seemed to express that this thing wouldn't be going any further." McDonald went on to say that he believes that the attorney general is using his "pull" to pressure Oxendine not to appeal.

Robinson said he could neither confirm or deny the call, but appeals are "always, in a large part, up to if

Despite a court ruling, Insurance Commissioner John Oxendine continues to argue that DP benefits violate the 'basic morality' of the state of Georgia.

the client wants to."

So if Oxendine wants to appeal the ruling, will the attorney general's office continue representing him?

"That's a hard question, and it's a good question because ultimately, the attorney general is the one charged with making legal decisions," Robinson said. "I think the best, safest thing I can say is so long as there are legitimate legal arguments to make, [we usually follow the wishes of our client]."

Asked if the attorney general's office believes there are "legitimate legal arguments" in this case, "I think we do, or we wouldn't have been making it so far," Robinson said. "We wouldn't be making the argument in the courts if we didn't think it had merit."

Shoob: Benefits don't violate public policy

While Baker's office continues to defend the legal argument made to support Oxendine's ban on DP benefits, including reliance on the state's never-enforced law against fornication, Judge Shoob made short work of the case in court, hammering attorney Melton with questions and dismissing each of the state's arguments.

In written refusal letters, Oxendine told each of the city's insurance providers—United Healthcare, Kaiser, Prudential and Blue Cross & Blue Shield—that he would not approve DP benefits because the coverage "is unfair, inequitable, would encourage misrepresentation and is contrary to the public policy of the state."

In court, the attorney general's office focused primarily on the "public policy" argument, claiming that the problem with Atlanta's DP benefits is that the policies do not provide a mechanism for weeding out the dependents who have a "meretricious relationship" with the employee.

The state's motion for summary judgment defined "meretricious relationship" as "where a man or a woman dwells openly and continuously with someone other than a spouse in an intimate sexual relationship" and relied on the law against fornication to claim that, "In Georgia, sexual intercourse outside of marriage is a criminal offense."

Attorneys for the city, Lambda and the American Civil Liberties Union, which filed a friend-of-the-court brief in the case, countered that nothing in the city's definition of "domestic partner" requires a sexual relationship.

In addition, they said, the Georgia Supreme Court's decision to overturn the sodomy law as it applies to private, consensual adult activity casts serious doubts about the constitutionality of the fornication law.

In her courtroom questioning, Shoob asked Melton to show her where within the "four corners" of the DP insurance coverage forms the insurance commissioner was "finding some sort of illegal sexual activity."

"Because I look at the forms, and I don't see that," she said.

Melton responded that the city ordinances creating the domestic partner registry and benefits "accommodate" such sexual activity.

Shoob countered that speculating about private acts that might occur "is not the business" of either the city, the court or the insurance commissioner.

"I think you have to find that sex is mandated in the relationship to find it violates public policy," she said, while noting that the Georgia Supreme Court had already upheld the constitutionality of both of the ordinances Melton was attempting to challenge.

Shoob also pointed out that although Baker's office is now defending Oxendine, the insurance commissioner's refusal to grant DP coverage on public policy grounds contradicted an official opinion from former Attorney General Michael Bowers.

While Bowers, who defended the state's sodomy law all the way to the United States Supreme Court, "was not a particular friend of the type of relationships we are talking about," Shoob noted, he found such coverage legal if certain objections that have since been met were addressed.

"We have a new attorney general—is the advice different now, or is [Oxendine] just a client you're stuck with?" Shoob asked, capping one of the trial's most heated exchanges.

GEP challenges AG to let case die

Baker, who was appointed attorney general in 1997 when Bowers resigned to launch an unsuccessful bid for governor, won election to the post in 1998 with substantial gay support and an endorsement from GEP's political action committee.

When *Southern Voice* raised questions last month about Baker's vigorous defense of the DP benefits ban, GEP's Knox said the organization would, for the time being, accept the attorney general's explanation that his office had no choice but defend Oxendine because he is an elected official.

But Knox said Tuesday that he has since learned that Baker did have some choice in pursuing the case, and GEP is now working with a group of "legal experts" to "create a framework" for an as-of-yet unrequested meeting with Baker "about gay and lesbian issues."

"The attorney general does have discretion about what he pursues, and he certainly has a great deal more discretion about what he appeals," Knox said.

GEP considers Oxendine a "lost cause," but the gay political group plans to also make a "forceful" case to Baker specifically about the appeal, Knox said.

"Don't waste taxpayer dollars in a hopeless effort to discriminate!" urged a GEP press release issued after Shoob's decision. "The ruling Judge Shoob made today is so clear, and so clearly right, that all Georgia voters, including Georgia's lesbian and gay voters, will be outraged if taxpayer money is spent to drag this matter out any further," it said.

Knox said the press statement was sent to the attorney general and would be followed by a formal letter. He declined comment on what steps GEP would take if Baker does appeal the DP benefits ruling.

"I would rather give the attorney general the opportunity to do the right thing before determining that," Knox said. "But certainly the community has reacted very negatively, and GEP feels very negatively, about his having decided to pursue the case at all.

"So it would only exacerbate that situation if he continues with appealing the case."

Ga. AWOL case draws attention

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him on a warrant for the AWOL charge and returned him to Moody Air Force Base near Valdosta.

Since his sentencing, the question of Gilley's sexual orientation has become the center of growing concern among military watchdogs and gay activists that the case of the young airman was mishandled because he is gay.

They cite several examples:

• The Air Force's investigating officer in the case recommended that Gilley be given a special court martial or a "Discharge Under Other Than Honorable Conditions." But base commander Brig. Gen. Victor E. Renuart Jr. asked commanders to give Gilley a more serious general court-martial, an unusual move for such a case. Those officials, based at Shaw Air Force Base in South Carolina, agreed with Renuart.

• Gilley was charged with desertion, which carries a steeper maximum penalty than AWOL, the lesser charge Gilley eventually pleaded guilty to last week.

• Base officials maintain that Gilley had several options to seek counsel before he decided to flee, and argue he could have received it without disclosing he was gay without being drummed out of the service under the Pentagon's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy.

• Gilley told his supervisor, Staff Sgt. Louis Edwards, that he wanted out of the Air Force. Edwards testified last week that he told Gilley at the time, "We were not going to let him out." He said later during the trial that he would have sought counseling for Gilley, but the airman told him at the end of the day. Gilley left the base hours later.

• Gilley avoided coming out during the trial, and exploring the alleged harassment during the proceeding, possibly for fear of prejudicing the court-martial panel against him.

"He asked to be released from service and the service never did anything about it," said Harry Knox, executive director of Georgia Equality Project, a statewide gay political group that is monitoring the case. "He faced a choice: Am I going to break the law or stay in this burning house. From my standpoint, he is a political prisoner."

Gilley fled to metro Atlanta to join his partner, Rapposelli, who is chief executive officer of TMZ, Inc. Gilley reportedly served as the company's financial officer.

Military officials had been seeking Gilley since Dec. 17, when he left his post just a day after telling his first sergeant that he wanted to leave the Air Force. He had been reprimanded several times for not reporting to duty.

And now federal authorities may be investigating Rapposelli for his alleged role in harboring Gilley while he was AWOL.

Fearful of harassment

In the wake of the killing of gay college student Matthew Shepard last year and the July beating death of an Army private in Kentucky, Gilley said he wasn't safe.

"Others in my squadron began harassing me and threatening me, eventually causing me to fear for my personal safety," Gilley said in a personal statement he filed asking to be considered for discharge "under other than honorable conditions."

While he admitted asking for a discharge, base officials said Gilley never disclosed that he was gay. During his brief military trial Sept. 21, Gilley's sexual orientation wasn't mentioned until after he pleaded guilty. But the judge was aware of it at the time he sentenced Gilley to seven months confinement.

"I never found someone I wanted to settle down with because I dated females until I met [Rapposelli]," Gilley said during sentencing. "I desperately ask you to be lenient, because what you say is going to affect a lot of people for a long time."

Gilley's military defense attorney, Capt. Bryan Watson,

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British ban on gays in the military ruled unlawful

STRASBOURG, France—The European Court of Human Rights ruled Monday that Britain's ban on gay men and lesbians serving in the armed forces is a breach of human rights.

The court found in favor of four British nationals, three men and a woman, who were discharged from the British armed forces in line with its ban on gay personnel after they acknowledged their homosexuality.

The court said the British policy violated Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights, which defends the right to private and family life.

"The court considered the investigations, and in particular the interviews of the applicants, to have been exceptionally intrusive," the European court said in a statement.

"The investigations conducted into the applicants' sexual orientation together with their discharge from the armed forces constituted especially grave interferences with their private lives," it said.

Duncan Lustig-Prean, John Beckett, Jeanette Smith and Graeme Grady were discharged between 1993 and 1995.

According to the *New York Times*, Lustig-Prean was serving as a naval supply officer when his commander received an unsigned letter claiming he was gay; Beckett, a navy weapons engineer mechanic, told his chaplain he is gay; Smith, a nurse in the air force, had her relationship with a civilian woman outed by an anonymous informant; and Grady, a Royal Air Force intelligent officer, was revealed to be attending a support group for gay men who are married.

All four reportedly had excellent performance reviews. They applied for judicial review of their discharges, but in November 1995 the court of appeals rejected their applications.

They then filed their complaint with the European Court of Human Rights.

"I was hoping it would be successful. Now the government has to lift the ban. They cannot maintain it after what the court has said today," Grady said after the verdict.

The verdict cannot force a change of law in Britain, but U.K. Defense Secretary George Robertson said other cases involving gays in the British armed forces will be put on hold while the government studies Monday's ruling.

"This government, like all governments, has to accept the rulings of the European Court of Human Rights," Robertson said, according to a report in the New York Times. "The detail of this complex judgment and the practical implications are presently being studied. We will be looking at it quickly, thoroughly, and making our recommendation speedily."

A Ministry of Defense official said the ban could be removed within a year, the Daily Record in Glasgow, Scotland, reported. "We are committed to a free vote on this in the Commons. and we could be looking at a year because it is a lengthy process," the unnamed official said.

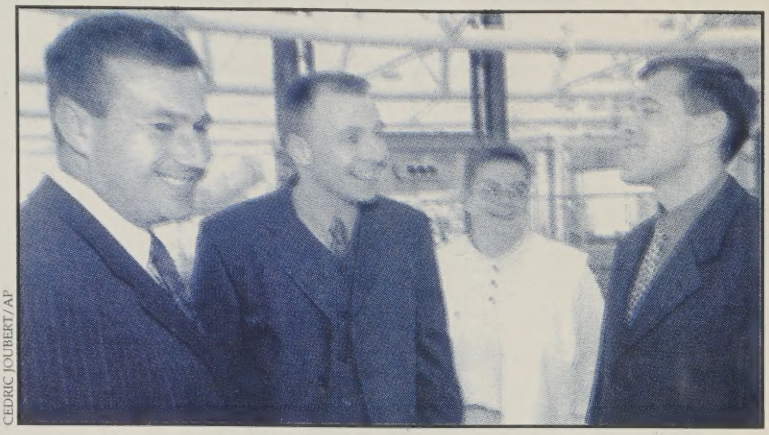
The British gay ban, passed in 1994, states that "homosexuality, whether male or female, is considered incompatible with service in the armed forces." Every parliament reviews the policy, and it is next due for review in 2001, though some activists now want the debate to come earlier, Reuters news service reported.

By official count, at least 600 gay men and lesbians have been discharged because of their sexual orientation, the *New York Times* reported. But the head of a support group for gay service members told the paper the actual count may be thousands more.

"People who serve or who elect to serve their country do so with the commitment that the ultimate sacrifice might be to give up their lives for their country," said Steve Johnston, chairman of the pro-gay Rank Outsiders. "They don't join the navy or the army or the air force to find same-sex partners."

Stonewall, a British organization that defends gay rights, applauded the court's decision.

"This judgment is good news for everyone. Lifting the ban will not make our forces one bit less effective," Angela Mason, Stonewall's executive director, said.



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The successful challengers, British ex-servicemen and a former Royal Air Force nurse (from left) Duncan Lustig-Prean, John Becket, Jeanette Smith and Greame Grady

Court martial highlights tension between military, gays

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never proved that Gilley had been harassed or threatened, instead relying on the testimony of Rapposelli and Gilley's unsworn statement.

A fellow airman testified that he had heard rumors about Gilley, but couldn't remember what the rumors were. Members of Gilley's squadron, including his roommate, said they didn't know he is gay.

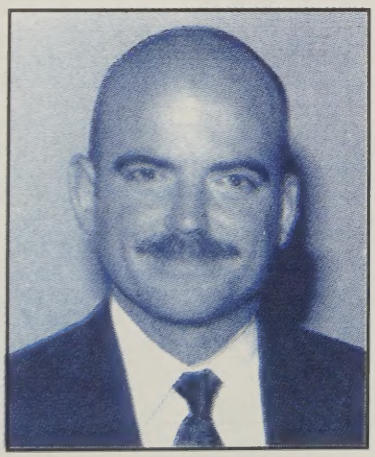
"This was not a case about homosexuality," said Lt. DeDe Halfhill, chief of public affairs at Moody Air Force Base. "He was found guilty of AWOL. During the entire trial, outside of the sentencing portion when they were able to interject the homosexual issue, they focused on the desertion issue. That is a very serious offense."

Tension between military, gays

Gilley's court martial highlights the growing tension between the military and its gay and lesbian members. Critics say "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" is routinely abused; gay and lesbian soldiers—or servicemembers perceived to be gay—are taunted, harassed and physically injured; and military commanders continue to oppose gays in their ranks.

And the Air Force leads all branches of the military in kicking out service members who are identified as gay or lesbian.

That tension was exacerbated by the murder at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, of a gay servicemember. Pvt. Calvin Glover, accused of killing Pfc. Barry Winchell, in part because Winchell was gay, will be court-martialed on a charge of premeditated murder, the Army announced last Friday. Glover would face a maximum of life in prison if convicted of killing Winchell, who was beaten with a baseball bat in his barracks July 5. He died the next day.



Harry Knox, executive director of Georgia Equality Project, says Doug Gilley is "a political prisoner" jailed by the Air Force, which failed to release him from service when he alleged he was harassed for being gay.

The killing at the post on the Kentucky-Tennessee border attracted national attention and led the Pentagon to accelerate changes in "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." Winchell, 21, of Kansas City, Mo., began coming out of the closet in the months before his death.

Earlier this month, Gen. Dennis Reimer, who until August was the top officer in the U.S. Army, endorsed banning gays from the military during a Rotary Club speech in Wichita, Kan., while at the same time lamenting the military's trouble in recruiting personnel.

In travels to bases, Reimer said he found it to be a highly emotional issue for members of the "warrior culture" of the military. "In my opinion, homosexuality does not lend itself to that kind of culture," he said, according to the *Wichita Eagle*.

Both the Army and the Air Force announced Monday that they had fallen significantly short of recruiting goals for the fiscal year, and worried about the impact on national security.

Last month, Army Reserve officials confirmed that they are investigating Arizona state Rep. Steve May, an openly gay Republican and an Army reservist, for comments he made about being gay while serving as a legislator earlier this year.

Raising eyebrows

Since news of Gilley's court-martial appeared last week, support for the airman has come from leading gay political and civil rights groups, including GEP and the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, a legal organization that aids members of the military affected by DADT.

State lawmakers are being lobbied by GEP to investigate and possibly intervene, said Knox, who has met with Rapposelli to discuss the case. The group is also contacting gay rights groups in Maryland in an attempt to involve political leaders from Gilley's home state, Knox said.

"We are continuing to advocate for [Gilley] among elected officials to try and get them involved and try to get them to look into the case to advocate on Douglas Gilley's behalf," Knox said. "We are strategizing and figuring out our best approach."

SLDN Legal Intern Jeff Cleghorn met with GEP officials this week and was scheduled to meet with Gilley.

"This case doesn't check with our experiences," said Michelle Benecke, SLDN's co-executive director. "We have checked our experience with a number of former Air Force lawyers, and this is a very unusual circumstance for everyone who has looked at it. This is a very harsh punishment."

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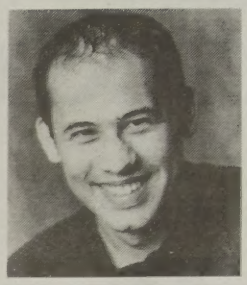

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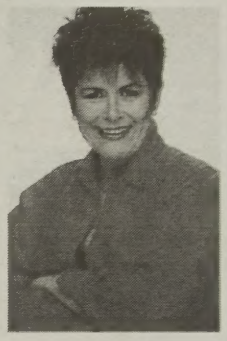

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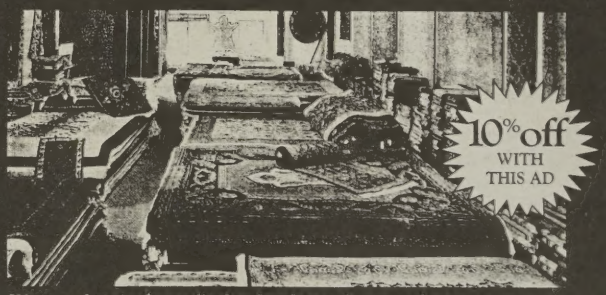

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Rockin' in the Phil

Gay fans, no doubt, rocked along with tens of thousands of other metro Atlantans as the city's favorite queen Elton John (right) performed last weekend along with diva Cher (center). Both performers were on hand for the opening weekend of Philips Arena, along with Julio Iglesias Jr. (left) and Cyndi Lauper. British pop star John was the first to grace the new arena and test its crisp and clear sound during a three-hour performance Friday before 20,000 music fans. Cher, in town last June for a gig, hit the stage Sunday.

Anti-gay harassment 'the rule' at school, survey finds

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contacted youth service organizations around the country, a list drawn from the membership organizations of the National Youth Advocacy Coalition.

Each member organization was issued surveys and asked to distribute them to their youth clients. Of those surveys distributed, 800 were returned, but those not completed were discarded. The final sampling includes 496 teens from 32 states, possibly the most comprehensive survey of its kind to date, according to Jennings.

Youth were asked about their experiences with homophobic remarks in school, harassment, and overall comfort in school.

GLSEN found that more than 90 percent of gay youth say they sometimes or frequently hear homophobic remarks in school, including words like "faggot," "dyke," and "queer." Almost all reported hearing these remarks from other students, while one-third heard them from faculty or school staff.

Homophobic terms are bantered about most frequently in hallways or classrooms, but also in school bathrooms, in the gym and on school buses. More than one-third of the youth said no one ever intervened in these situations, and of those who said someone intervened sometimes, the person was nearly 20 percent more likely to be a fellow student than a faculty member.

Youth were also asked whether they experienced verbal, physical or sexual harassment because of their sexual orientation, and how frequently. Of those students who reported verbal harassment, almost half said they experienced it daily.

CINDY SPROUL

Brenda Barron, who leads GLSEN's efforts in the South, said the upcoming conference was a 'prime opportunity for Southern activists to join a national, growing movement'

Nearly half the students surveyed said they did not feel safe in school because they are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered. But of those who did feel safe, the majority—86.7 percent— still reported hearing homophobic remarks sometimes or frequently.

And even among those who said they felt safe, 46 percent reported verbal harassment; 36.4 percent reported sexual harassment; 12.1 percent reported physical harassment; and 6.1 percent reported physical assault at school. More than one-third did not feel comfortable speaking to school staff about their sexual orientation.

Overall, the experiences of gay youth were similar across racial, ethnic and gender lines, according to the survey.

A regional breakdown showed that more youth from Midwestern states reported hearing homophobic remarks, being physically harassed and being uncomfortable talking to any school staff member than youth from any other region of the country.

Among student participants from the South, 92.3 percent reported hearing homophobic remarks "sometimes" or "frequently," the second-highest regional percentage; but just 17.1 percent said they have been physically harassed, fewer than in the Midwest, the West and the Northeast.

Fifty-seven students from Georgia responded to the GLSEN survey.

Policies don't protect

GLSEN's report on the National School Climate Survey makes an example of Philadelphia, a district that received high marks in the organization's 1998 Back-to-School Campaign. Last year's project surveyed 42 of the nation's largest districts and found Philadelphia had policies in place in all categories, including protecting students and staff from discrimination and harassment, advocating sensitivity training for staff, gay-inclusive curricula and gay student organizations.

But survey participants from Philadelphia did not differ markedly from other students in their responses, despite these protective measures. More students from Philadelphia said they did not feel safe at school, and would be uncomfortable talking to any school staff member.

GLSEN leaders speculate this may be an example of how good policies mean little without active enforcement and participation from staff and students.

An Atlanta 'wake-up call'

"The survey kind of serves as a wake-up call, that we really need to go further and do more," Jennings said. "The problem is an epidemic of harassment and violence."

More than 600 participants are expected at this weekend's GLSEN conference, including educators, parents, youth advocates and students from around the country.

Jennings stressed that the conference isn't just for gay youth and allies. In the past, he said, about one-fourth of attendees have been straight.

"We don't see ourselves as a gay organization, but an educational organization," he explained. "The bottom line is making sure our schools are a place where every child can learn."

The 75 workshops planned for the conference will attack the problem of anti-gay harassment in schools on two basic levels, Jennings said: advocacy, or pushing for laws and school policies that formally protect gay students and teachers; and in-school pro-

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gramming, a grassroots effort to help make gay students safe and accepted in school.

"Teachers often don't stand up for gay students because they have no legal support," he said. "So on the one hand, a lot of the work focuses on how to get policies and programs implemented.

"But we also want to offer skills that teachers can actually take back to school on Monday morning, ... and with all the workshops offered, I defy anyone to say there is nothing there that speaks to them," he added.

A small sampling of workshop topics includes curriculum planning, safety awareness training, legal implications for educators fighting anti-gay bigotry, youth action organizing, family relationships and gay youth, sexual orientation and high school athletics, gay-inclusive children's literature, the challenges facing minority and transgendered youth, conversion therapy, religion in school, teaching about gays and the Holocaust, and grant-writing for youth advocates.

The conference kicks off Friday with a research roundtable, where academic researchers who have studied gay youth will join activists and educators to determine where academic study and action come together, according to Brenda Barron, GLSEN's Atlanta-based assistant director for Southern organizing.

U.S. Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.), a long-time gay rights supporter, will give the keynote address on Saturday morning, Jennings said.

The conference will close with the Pathfinder Awards Brunch on Sunday, where Judy Shepard, mother of Matthew Shepard, a Wyoming college student murdered last year because he was gay, will accept an award. Shepard is partnering with GLSEN in a public awareness campaign, Jennings said. Comedian Margaret Cho will entertain guests at the brunch.

Spotlight on the South

Holding the conference in Atlanta has put a focus on Southern schools, Jennings said, and GLSEN chapters are springing up around the South. Nearly half the expected participants are from the South.

Barron said an entire series of workshops will focus solely on organizing in the South.

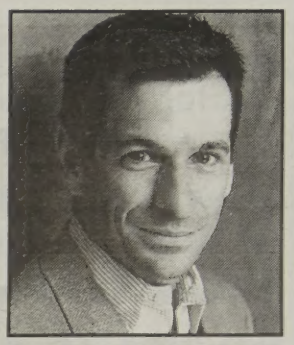
"The Southern organizing track is an opportunity to continue to build a network of Southern activists who are really dedicated to this cause," Barron explained.

More than 100 youth are expected at the conference, and a series of workshops will be offered just for them.

Jennings agreed that GLSEN's mission can only be accomplished by working from the ground up.

"Education is a local issue," he said. "I would like to see a GLSEN chapter in every city in the South, gay-straight alliances in high schools across the South. ... I'd like to see people go back feeling like, 'I can make a difference—and I know how.'"

Anyone wishing to attend the conference can register on-site at the Westin Peachtree Plaza, beginning at 7 a.m. on Friday, Oct.1 The public can also buy tickets to Sunday's Pathfinder Brunch.



GLSEN director Kevin Jennings called on schools to fulfill their 'moral obligation' to keep gay students safe

PFLAG to host annual picnic

Parents and others concerned about gay youth have an additional opportunity to get involved next weekend. The Atlanta chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, a group with a mission that closely parallels that of the Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network, will host its annual picnic Saturday, Oct. 9.

"School safety is the national priority this year for PFLAG, and of course, a personal priority for our parents," said Atlanta chapter President Judy Colbs. "We certainly join GLSEN in working toward safe schools for all kids."

The picnic is open to all PFLAG members and to new parents, family members and friends of lesbians and gay men who may be interested in joining the organization. Guests should bring food and beverages.

PFLAG's primary focus is providing support for its members. The group also works to educate and advocate on behalf of gays.

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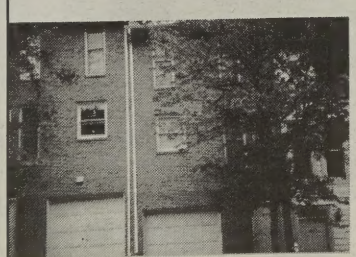

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Gay soldiers who want out have options, military says

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But despite their interest in the case, officials with the two groups have been hesitant to talk publicly about it.

"We are just getting started right now," Benecke said.

Gilley's Air Force attorney, Capt. Bryan Watson, could not be reached for comment. And Atlanta attorney Sandra Michaels, hired early this week to represent Rapposelli, also would not comment.

Rapposelli is allegedly under investigation by the FBI for harboring Gilley for the months he lived in Atlanta while AWOL, according to Knox, who said Rapposelli has alleged his bank account has also been frozen. An FBI spokesman said Rapposelli is not the target of an investigation.

Court-martial too harsh?

Lt. Col. William Orr, the military judge, ordered Gilley to spend six months in jail, crediting his sentence with the 29 days he served in pre-trial confinement, military officials said. Gilley was expected to be transferred to a facility in South Carolina to serve his sentence.

Attorneys for Gilley could appeal the case.

During the court-martial, Gilley chose to be tried by Orr—who at one point during the trial referred to him as "Airman Guilty"—instead of a group of eight military officers.

Gilley was found not guilty of the desertion charge, and pleaded guilty to AWOL. He faced a maximum sentence of three years in prison, though that was cut in half when Orr ruled that Gilley had intended to return to the base.

"We feel good about the sentence," said Burton, one of two attorneys who defended Gilley. "He left for eight months, he should get eight months. The judge gave him credit for pleading guilty. It's good."

Prior to the trial, Renuart wanted to make an example of Gilley—not for being gay, but for deserting his squadron, officials said.

"If we are going to separate somebody for that offense, we want to make sure the penalty matches the seriousness of the offense and that the statement is made to the other members of the military that desertion is not a good thing. And that if you choose to become a deserter, there are significant penalties which will have an impact on your life," Renuart said.

But it's unusual for a typical AWOL case to end like Gilley's—with a court-martial and stiff sentence, according to Benecke and San Diego attorney Bridget Wilson, who has handled issues surrounding gays in the military for 30 years.

"To the extent that they sent it to a general court-martial, it is a little heavy-handed," Wilson said. "This is the type of thing that you plead the guy out in a special court-martial and get him out."

But the sentence—a day in prison for every day Gilley was AWOL—was in line with other similar cases, she said.

The difficulty in defending service members comes in the length of time they are AWOL—the longer a gay soldier is gone while claiming duress, the harder it will be to prove in a trial that there was intent to return and seek help or counseling, Wilson said.

"In order to succeed in that defense, you have to demonstrate you were at risk of great physical harm or of death. But what shows that? It is really hard to argue around an eight-month AWOL," she said.

Service members fearing harassment have several options on base to seek help, said Halfhill, who prosecuted Gilley. She suggested seeking the assistance of chaplains, mental health experts and an organization trained in responding to discrimination and other problems service members may face.

"There are several organization on base that you can go to that are confidential and none of those organizations were gone to" by Gilley, she said.

But Benecke said on-base services may not be safe for gay men and lesbians in the military.

"What we see in our cases is the sad fact that psychologists continue to turn in service members who seek their help and the services continue to discharge people who confide in their families and best friends or commanders," she said.

It's also unclear that if Gilley or other gay airmen cite harassment and seek help on base, if they will have to come out or explain why they are being harassed without facing repercussions from military officials for disclosing they are gay.

"That adds some complexity in there. The reason that he is being harassed should not be an issue," Halfhill said.

Benecke said that the Air Force has yet to respond to repeated requests that it provide safe places for gay personnel to turn if they need someone to confide in.

"The services have not created any yet. If there is some new policy at this particular base, we would certainly love to hear about it. Based on what we know, there is no place a service member can go," she said.

And the Pentagon's DADT policy continues to place gay service members in a catch-22: personnel seeking relief from harassment must be careful not to reveal they are gay, or they might face a possible investigation, Wilson said.

"We have a policy that literally puts people in a place of being fearful," she said. "One of the things that we have to understand, people are constrained from talking under DADT, and they may be saying things that the commanders may not be picking up on."

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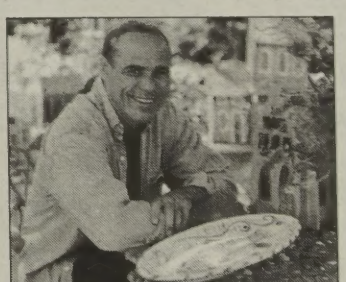

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Mistrial declared in California trial for anti-gay hate murder

SAN FRANCISCO—A California judge has declared a mistrial in the case against Edgard Mora without ever discussing whether his attack on a gay man at a leather bar was a hate crime, the *San Francisco Examiner* reported Sept. 25. Mora, 27, is accused of calling Brian Wilmes a "faggot" before punching him in the jaw during a drunken night of anger in 1998. Wilmes was knocked unconscious and died two days later. The jurors voted unanimously to convict Mora of battery, a charge the defense didn't dispute, but voted 9-3 in favor of acquittal to the charge of second-degree murder. The hate crime issue, which put public spotlight on the trial, was never discussed by the jury, and two jurors admitted they found the statute confusing. The district attorney's office will have to decide whether to retry the case, drop it altogether or offer a plea.

Man confesses to mother that he murdered Calif. gay couple

REDDING, Cal.—A tape recording of a conversation between one of the men accused of killing two northern California gay men and the suspect's mother contains a confession to the murders, the *Sacramento Bee* reported Sept. 22. "I had to obey God's law rather than man's law," Matthew Williams told his mother Sally during a visit in which their telephone conversation was taped by the Shasta County sheriff's department. "I didn't want to do this. I felt I was supposed to, though," he said in a scratchy tape played by prosecutors at the Sept. 21 preliminary hearing. At another point, he said, "They're not doing the death penalty a whole lot here anymore. I'm probably looking at 20, 40 years. I don't think I'll serve that though." Afterward, Shasta County Judge James Ruggiero ruled there was ample evidence for the brothers to face a full-scale murder trial that could bring them the death penalty for the July killings of Gary Matson, 50, and Winfield Scott Mowder, 40. They are scheduled to enter pleas Oct. 6 in Superior Court.

Matthew Williams reportedly confessed to murdering the gay couple because he 'had to obey God's law rather than man's law.'

Testimony wraps up in civil lawsuit over Nebraska trans murder

FALLS CITY, Neb.—The mother of Brandon Teena asked the Richardson County District Court on Sept. 24 for $200,000 in compensation for the negligence of the county and its former sheriff in the murder of her child six years ago, the *Omaha World-Herald* reported Sept. 25. JoAnn Brandon's request came at the end of a three-day trial in the wrongful-death lawsuit against former Sheriff Charles Laux and Richardson County. Brandon alleges that Laux negligently caused the death of Brandon Teena (born Teena Brandon) by not arresting two men whom the 21-year-old had accused of raping and beating her on Christmas Day 1993. The alleged rapists—John Lotter and Marvin "Tom" Nissen—were angry that Teena had posed as a man and dated Falls City women, including one of their friends. Teena and two others were slain Dec. 31, 1993, in a farmhouse near Humboldt, Neb. Lotter and Nissen were convicted of the murders.

The mother of Brandon Teena has sued police for not preventing the murder of her daughter (pictured).

Wyo. prison escapees suspected in slaying of Colo. gay man

DENVER (AP)—Police have ruled out the possibility that the murder of a gay man was a hate crime. Instead, they say, Dan O'Brien was killed by a pair of prison escapees who targeted gay men for cash, authorities said. O'Brien was last seen alive Sept. 11, two days before his body was found by co-workers after he failed to show up for work. Wanted for questioning in his death are Jason Arnold, 27, and Samuel Graumann, 21, according to Denver detective Virginia Lopez. The suspects, who escaped from the Natrona County Detention Center in Casper, Wyo., on Sept. 10, were captured several days later, and will be returned to Wyoming for prosecution.

Rainbow stickers draw pellet gun fire at Calif. lesbian's car

SANTA ROSA, Cal.—A lesbian was shot at seven times with a pellet gun in her automobile because of the rainbow stickers on her car's bumper, the *Santa Rosa Press-Democrat* reported Sept. 22. Laura Hunnemeder had just dropped off her partner and was driving to an appointment downtown. "All I kept thinking of was how easily I could have been killed—for nothing," Hunnemeder said. She told police that a car with four young men pulled behind her 1980 Volkswagen Rabbit and fired at least seven shots that destroyed her rear window. She said the car then pulled alongside her and the men laughed and yelled a derogatory comment about her sexual orientation.

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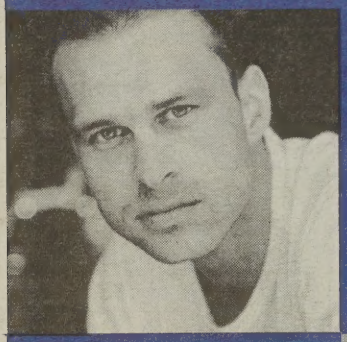

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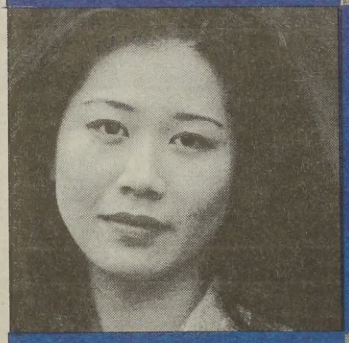

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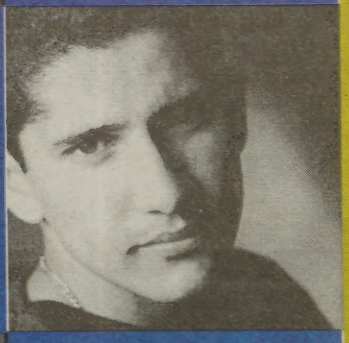

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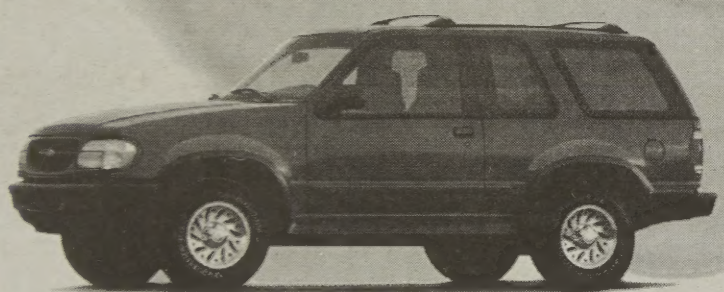

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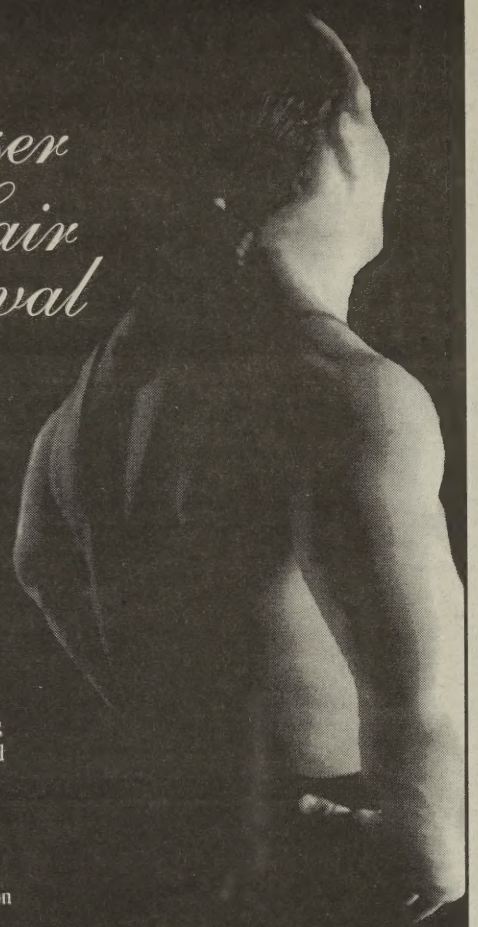

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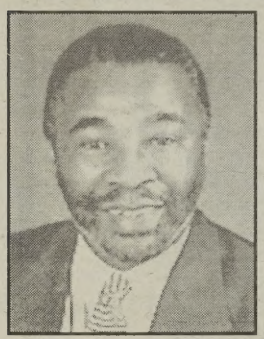
South Africa drug dispute simmers despite U.S. deal

JOHANNESBURG—A deal between the U.S. and South Africa aimed at resolving disputes over drug patent rights may have averted a trade war, but dissatisfaction continues in South Africa, Reuters news service reported. The two countries said Sept. 17 they had reached an agreement under which the U.S. would support South Africa's efforts to obtain cheaper AIDS medicines in exchange for pledges that the measures would not violate drug-makers' patent rights. The dispute had centered on objections by U.S. officials, pressed by the drug makers, to a South African law that could allow local manufacturers to make cheaper, generic copies of AIDS drugs or import medicines from a third party. AIDS activists, who had dogged U.S. Vice President Al Gore's election campaign with demonstrations against the U.S. policy, welcomed the announcement as an advancement in helping South Africa's impoverished AIDS patients. But in South Africa, drug-makers and industry analysts were skeptical, calling the announcements misleading and designed to paper over relations to smooth the way for President Thabo Mbeki's first visit to the United States as president of South Africa.



South African President Thabo Mbeki

HIV resistant to eradication from bloodstream, researchers say

BALTIMORE—HIV cannot be eradicated from a patient's body even when it is undetectable in the blood, according to a study released Aug. 28 by the National Institutes of Health. Researchers had hoped that after taking anti-HIV drugs for more than a year, patients with HIV could stop treatment and the virus would not return. The study results appear to indicate that patients may need to continue drug therapy for the long term. "It's going to be very difficult to take somebody off therapy and feel that the virus is not going to bounce back," said Dr. Anthony Fauci, who headed the research team. The study results were made public at a virology conference in Baltimore. Fauci and colleagues followed 18 HIV-positive patients who had been on the drugs for more than a year and in whom HIV had been reduced to undetectable levels. The researchers then took the patients off the drugs to see if the virus came back: It did, in all 18 patients, within three weeks. Scientists had calculated that the HIV virus was capable of hiding in body reservoirs unreachable by drugs for as long as 60 years.

Drug makers present research studies at S.F. AIDS conference

SAN FRANCISCO—Several new studies on AIDS drugs were announced at the 39th Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy in San Francisco. The conference is heavily promoted by drug manufacturers, and the new information came from studies conducted on behalf of the companies. Among the results presented:

• A 48-week controlled study comparing a drug regimen of Ziagen and Combivir to one that includes Crixivan and Combivir showed no statistical difference between the two combinations. The results were reported by Glaxo Wellcome, the company that manufactures Ziagen, which recommends its drug because of the ease of dosage.

• Another Glaxo Wellcome drug, Agenerase, was tested against other protease inhibitors (Crixivan, Norvir, Viracept and Fortovase) to determine whether resistance to one drug tended to indicate resistance to others. Researchers concluded Agenerase was a good choice once a patient had demonstrated resistance to other protease inhibitors.

• A drug being marketed by Hoffman LaRoche, Fortovase, when combined with a small dose of another drug, Norvir, was effective in controlling HIV in the body over a 24-hour period, indicating a possible drug combination that would involve taking fewer pills. Fortovase may also be useful in treatment of people with HIV and hepatitis C.

• DuPont Pharmaceuticals presented a study indicating that when its drug Sustiva is used in combination with AZT and 3TC, patients experienced a statistically significant and superior response over those taking IDV with AZT and 3TC. The study also showed Sustiva to have significantly higher nervous system side effects. "DuPont Pharmaceuticals recognizes that the nervous system symptoms are clinically challenging," said DuPont's Dr. Paul A. Friedman. "However, the low discontinuation rate among patients treated with Sustiva regimens... clearly demonstrates that with effective patient management, patients can overcome the temporary treatment effects of the therapy."

Women's AIDS conference to poll presidential candidates

LOS ANGELES—Organizers of the 1999 National Conference on Women and HIV/AIDS, to be held in Los Angeles from Oct. 9-12, have sent letters to all presidential candidates to get their views on social, policy, program and research funding issues that affect women with HIV. Ferd Eggan, AIDS coordinator for the city of Los Angeles, hopes to present the results at the conference. "Recent studies show that there has been a lack of focus in research on women and HIV," said Eggan. "We feel that it is crucial that future administrations do more to address these issues through education, research or creating policy that will help women affected and infected by HIV/AIDS."

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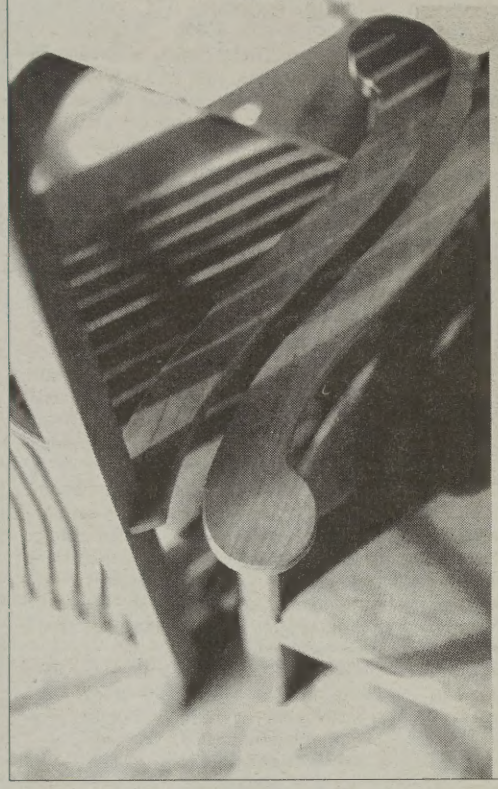

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Southern Comfort calls for transgender pride

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Southern Comfort board member Stefanie Schumacher (center) introduced her parents, Gizella Schumacher, 79, and Charlie Schumacher, 72, who organized mailings for this year's conference. Before Stefanie transitioned, 'we loved her very much , and she hasn't changed,' Gizella Schumacher said. 'Naturally her body and her face have changed, but she has always been wonderful. When she was 'he,' she was wonderful, and now that she's 'she,' she is wonderful. ... I gave birth to a loving child, and I still have a loving child.'

by LAURA BROWN

Transgendered people from all over the country heard a call at last weekend's Southern Comfort conference to "do away with the misery" that has been the hallmark of medical definitions of transsexualism and "set about redefining ourselves."

"Transsexualism is rather like a country that has been colonized, ... and the flag is the caduceus [medical staff]," longtime Atlanta activist Dallas Denny said Friday in a keynote address to Southern Comfort, the ninth annual transgender conference held Sept. 21-26 at the Sheraton Buckhead hotel.

"Physicians claimed the land of transsexualism about 40 years ago, and have owned it ever since. ... Transsexual is a slave name, and we conspired in it," said Denny, founder of the American Educational Gender Information Service.

"What I object to is not so much the name as what it means. ... To be transsexual, I must be miserable, hate my genitals, and be a knotted ball of rage," she explained, noting that doctors at Vanderbilt University initially turned her down when she wanted to transition from male to female "because I wasn't screwed up enough."

"I didn't hate my genitals—they were there, and what a strange thing for a woman to have on her body, but they were inappropriate, not hated," she said.

Now, 10 years after her transition, Denny called on transgendered people to stop allowing themselves to be defined only by pain. "I feel gifted that I am transsexual. ... We don't talk about what a magical journey it is and how we are social engineers," she said.

Denny's remarks, which earned a standing ovation, echoed a common theme for Southern Comfort attendees, who encompassed a broad spectrum of transgender—from occasional cross-dressers to male-to-female and female-to-male transsexuals.

The conference offered many workshops on important practical issues facing transgendered people—everything from advice on hair and make-up, to presentations from physicians about hormone treatments and surgery, to ways to deal with the legal and employment issues raised by gender transition.

But a growing number of seminars and speakers also urged participants to work toward, as Denny put it, "building a community where people are judged not by what lies between their legs, but by what lies between their ears."

New records set

Overall, this year's Southern Comfort was an "incredible success," setting new records for both total attendance and attendance at a single, seated event, according to Stefanie Schumacher, a member of the conference's board of directors.

This year's conference drew 600, a 20 percent increase over last year, Schumacher said.

CINDY SPROUL

Keynote speaker Dallas Denny called on transsexuals to 'do away with the misery' and 'set about redefining ourselves.'

Saturday night's gala dinner, which included a performance by the Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus, seated 450 and "was the largest single gathering of transgendered people we know of ever in modern history," she said.

While last year's conference drew a group of about five Bible-carrying protesters who shouted Bible verses at attendees outside of the hotel one night, this year's Southern Comfort sparked "no protests at all," Schumacher said.

Project launched for FTMs

Although Southern Comfort offered a full schedule of workshops, seminars, outings into Atlanta and evening entertainment, what Schumacher described as

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"one of the most important things Southern Comfort 1999 did" wasn't an event at all.

For the first time, Southern Comfort launched a Men's Health Project designed to help female-to-male transgendered people get the gynecological health care many find extremely uncomfortable with mainstream physicians.

Organizer Lola Cola said she decided to start the project after her lover, Robert Eads, died of cancer in January.

"The fact is female-to-male transies are really abused by the medical profession, and they are refused treatment quite often," Cola said. "What really instigated all of this is my lover Robert was a FTM, and he contracted uterine cancer and was turned away by 29 doctors and clinics before he found someone to treat him, and then it was too late."

Cola said Men's Health Project organizers worked with Atlanta's Feminist Women's Health Center to set up a special evening for clinic visits during the conference, where transgendered men could access health care without facing the awkward situation of a person who looks and sounds like a man asking for what are considered female procedures.

FWHC Community Services Director Janelle Yamarick said the center will now continue to offer routine gynecological services for female-to-male transgendered people.

Students protest sacking of popular trans teacher

ANTELOPE, Calif. (AP)—David Warfield served in the Navy, worked as a political consultant and was a whitewater rafting instructor before becoming a high school journalism teacher.

Through it all, Warfield struggled with a secret: He felt like a woman.

In April, after beginning hormone therapy, he approached Center High Principal Steve Wehr to announce that, by fall, he intended to return to school under a new name—Dana Lee Rivers. That decision, Rivers now says, has put her job in jeopardy.

Over the weekend, Rivers learned she will be fired due to her "evident unfitness for service" as a teacher, her lawyer, Margaret Geddes, said Monday.

Rivers has filed a complaint with the state labor commissioner. School district spokesman Jan Adams said she could not comment on the case because it is a personnel matter.

Students held a rally Friday to show their support, and the school newspaper dedicated most of this school year's first edition to the issue.

"I think Ms. Rivers should do whatever she wants," said junior Mary Muehe, one of Rivers' former students. "If anything, she'll only be a better teacher now because she won't have to hide this."

Rivers—she has officially changed her name—is taking hormones to prepare for a sex-change operation that would complete the transformation into a woman. She said she has gender identity disorder, which causes people extreme discomfort with their biological gender.

In May, knowing that she would return to school this fall as Dana Rivers, she sent a letter to co-workers in this community 25 miles northeast of Sacramento.

"I want to be a whole person," she wrote. "It is not a lifestyle choice. It is not a fetish. I am not hoping to make any kind of social or political statement. It is the single most significant aspect of who I am."

According to the Pacific Justice Institute, a conservative group pushing for the teacher's dismissal, Rivers then spoke with students about sexual abuse she experienced as a child, gender identity issues and her decision to become a woman.

Geddes said that account was inaccurate but declined further comment.

The institute's founder, Brad Dacus, said his group became involved after several parents complained there was no notice given about the discussion.

Dacus said the teacher's talk with students—not the sex change—was the issue behind the district's response. "The actions of this teacher were not only inappropriate, but outrageous," he said.

Dacus said Rivers should have quietly transferred to another school as a woman.

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Dana Lee Rivers, formerly known as David Warfield, will be fired due to her 'evident unfitness for service' as a teacher.

"He could have kept it to himself," he said. "That would have been the easiest for the students with less stress and trauma."

Rivers did not respond to messages seeking comment left on her home answering machine Monday.

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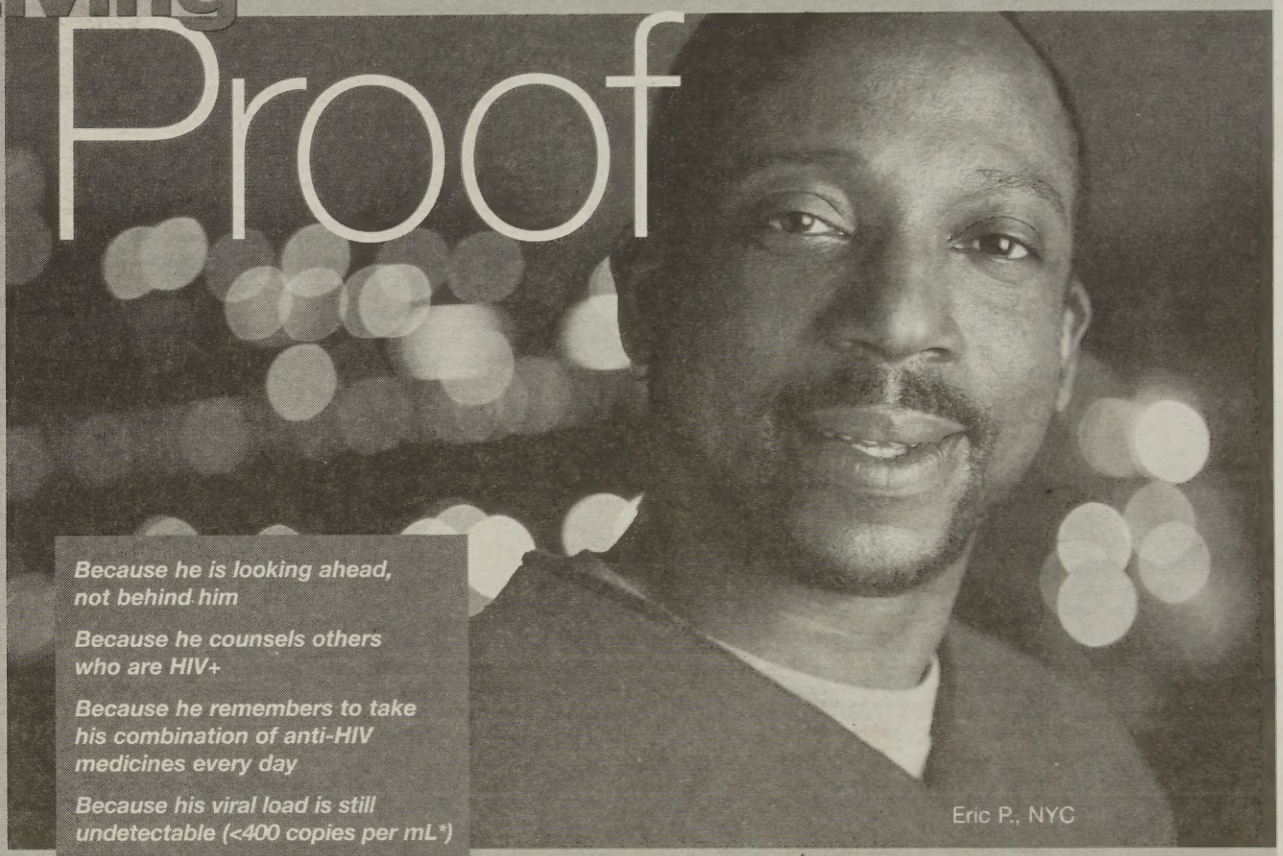

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The following is a brief summary only; see full prescribing information for complete product information.

WARNING: ZIDOVUDINE, ONE OF THE TWO ACTIVE INGREDIENTS IN COMBIVIR, HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH HEMATOLOGIC TOXICITY INCLUDING NEUTROPENIA AND SEVERE ANEMIA, PARTICULARLY IN PATIENTS WITH ADVANCED HIV DISEASE (SEE WARNINGS). PROLONGED USE OF ZIDOVUDINE HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH SYMPTOMATIC MYOPATHY.
LACTIC ACIDOSIS AND SEVERE HEPATOMEGALY WITH STEATOSIS, INCLUDING FATAL CASES, HAVE BEEN REPORTED WITH THE USE OF NUCLEOSIDE ANALOGUES ALONE OR IN COMBINATION, INCLUDING LAMIVUDINE, ZIDOVUDINE, AND OTHER ANTIRETROVIRALS (SEE WARNINGS).

INDICATIONS AND USAGE: COMBIVIR is indicated for the treatment of HIV infection.
Description of Clinical Studies: ***COMBIVIR:*** There have been no clinical trials conducted with COMBIVIR. See CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY for information about bioequivalence. One COMBIVIR Tablet given twice a day is an alternative regimen to EPIVIR Tablets 150 mg twice a day plus RETROVIR 600 mg per day in divided doses.

Lamivudine Plus Zidovudine: The NUCB3007 (CAESAR) study was conducted using EPIVIR 150-mg Tablets (150 mg b.i.d.) and RETROVIR 100-mg Capsules (2 x 100 mg t.i.d.). CAESAR was a multicenter, double-blind, placebo-controlled study comparing continued current therapy [zidovudine alone (62% of patients) or zidovudine with didanosine or zalcitabine (38% of patients)] to the addition of EPIVIR or EPIVIR plus an investigational non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor, randomized 1:2:1. A total of 1816 HIV-infected adults with 25 to 250 (median 122) CD4 cells/mm³ at baseline were enrolled: median age was 36 years, 87% were male, 84% were nucleoside-experienced, and 16% were therapy-naive. The median duration on study was 12 months. Results are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1: Number of Patients (%) With At Least One HIV Disease-Progression Event or Death

Endpoint	Current Therapy (n = 460)	EPIVIR plus Current Therapy (n = 896)	EPIVIR plus a NNRTI* plus Current Therapy (n = 460)
HIV progression or death	90 (19.6%)	86 (9.6%)	41 (8.9%)
Death	27 (5.9%)	23 (2.6%)	14 (3.0%)

*An investigational non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor not approved in the United States.

CONTRAINDICATIONS: COMBIVIR Tablets are contraindicated in patients with previously demonstrated clinically significant hypersensitivity to any of the components of the product.
WARNINGS: COMBIVIR is a fixed-dose combination of lamivudine and zidovudine. Ordinarily, COMBIVIR should not be administered concomitantly with either lamivudine or zidovudine.

The complete prescribing information for all agents being considered for use with COMBIVIR should be consulted before combination therapy with COMBIVIR is initiated.

Bone Marrow Suppression: COMBIVIR should be used with caution in patients who have bone marrow compromise evidenced by granulocyte count <1000 cells/mm³ or hemoglobin <9.5 g/dL (see ADVERSE REACTIONS).

Frequent blood counts are strongly recommended in patients with advanced HIV disease who are treated with COMBIVIR. For HIV-infected individuals and patients with asymptomatic or early HIV disease, periodic blood counts are recommended.

Lactic Acidosis/Severe Hepatomegaly with Steatosis: Lactic acidosis and severe hepatomegaly with steatosis, including fatal cases, have been reported with the use of nucleoside analogues alone or in combination, including lamivudine, zidovudine, and other antiretrovirals. A majority of these cases have been in women. Obesity and prolonged nucleoside exposure may be risk factors. Particular caution should be exercised when administering COMBIVIR to any patient with known risk factors for liver disease; however, cases have also been reported in patients with no known risk factors. Treatment with COMBIVIR should be suspended in any patient who develops clinical or laboratory findings suggestive of lactic acidosis or pronounced hepatotoxicity (which may include hepatomegaly and steatosis even in the absence of marked transaminase elevations).

Myopathy: Myopathy and myositis, with pathological changes similar to that produced by HIV disease, have been associated with prolonged use of zidovudine, and therefore may occur with therapy with COMBIVIR.

PRECAUTIONS:
General: Reduction of doses of lamivudine is recommended for patients with low body weight (less than 50 kg or 110 lb); therefore patients with low body weight should not receive COMBIVIR.

Patients With HIV and Hepatitis B Virus Coinfection: In clinical trials and postmarketing experience, some patients with HIV infection who have chronic liver disease due to hepatitis B virus infection experienced clinical or laboratory evidence of recurrent hepatitis upon discontinuation of lamivudine. Consequences may be more severe in patients with decompensated liver disease.

Patients With Impaired Renal Function: Reduction of the dosages of lamivudine and zidovudine is recommended for patients with impaired renal function. Patients with creatinine clearance ≤50 mL/min should not receive COMBIVIR.

Information for Patients: COMBIVIR is not a cure for HIV infection and patients may continue to experience illnesses associated with HIV infection, including opportunistic infections. Patients should be advised that the use of COMBIVIR has not been shown to reduce the risk of transmission of HIV to others through sexual contact or blood contamination. Patients should be informed that the major toxicities of COMBIVIR are neutropenia and/or anemia. They should be told of the extreme importance of having their blood counts followed closely while on therapy, especially for patients with advanced HIV disease. Patients should be advised of the importance of taking COMBIVIR as it is prescribed.

Drug Interactions: Coadministration of ganciclovir, interferon-alpha, and other bone marrow suppressive or cytotoxic agents may increase the hematologic toxicity of zidovudine (see CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY section of full prescribing information).

Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, and Impairment of Fertility: ***Carcinogenicity:***

Lamivudine: Lamivudine long-term carcinogenicity studies in mice and rats showed no evidence of carcinogenic potential at exposures up to 10 times (mice) and 58 times (rats) those observed in humans at the recommended therapeutic dose.

Zidovudine: Zidovudine was administered orally at three dosage levels to separate groups of mice and rats (60 females and 60 males in each group). Initial single daily doses were 30, 60, and 120 mg/kg per day in mice and 80, 220, and 600 mg/kg per day in rats. The doses in mice were reduced to 20, 30, and 40 mg/kg per day after day 90 because of treatment-related anemia, whereas in rats only the high dose was reduced to 450 mg/kg per day on day 91 and then to 300 mg/kg per day on day 279.

In mice, seven late-appearing (after 19 months) vaginal neoplasms (five nonmetastasizing squamous cell carcinomas, one squamous cell papilloma, and one squamous polyp) occurred in animals given the highest dose. One late-appearing squamous cell papilloma occurred in the vagina of a middle-dose animal. No vaginal tumors were found at the lowest dose.

In rats, two late-appearing (after 20 months), nonmetastasizing vaginal squamous cell carcinomas occurred in animals given the highest dose. No vaginal tumors occurred at the low or middle dose in rats. No other drug-related tumors were observed in either sex of either species.

At doses that produced tumors in mice and rats, the estimated drug exposure (as measured by AUC) was approximately three times (mouse) and 24 times (rat) the estimated human exposure at the recommended therapeutic dose of 100 mg every 4 hours.

Two transplacental carcinogenicity studies were conducted in mice. One study administered zidovudine at doses of 20 mg/kg per day or 40 mg/kg per day from gestation day 10 through parturition and lactation with dosing continuing in offspring for 24 months postnatally. The doses of zidovudine employed in this study produced zidovudine exposures approximately three times the estimated human exposure at recommended doses. After 24 months, at the highest dose, an increase in incidence of vaginal tumors was noted with no increase in tumors in the liver or lung or any other organ in either gender. These findings are consistent with results of the standard oral carcinogenicity study in mice, as described earlier. A second study administered zidovudine at maximum tolerated doses of 12.5 mg/day or 25 mg/day (~1000 mg/kg nonpregnant body weight or ~450 mg/kg of term body weight) to pregnant mice from days 12 through 18 of gestation. There was an increase in the number of tumors in the lung, liver, and female reproductive tracts in the offspring of mice receiving the higher dose level of zidovudine.

It is not known how predictive the results of rodent carcinogenicity studies may be for humans.

Mutagenicity: Lamivudine: Lamivudine was negative in a microbial mutagenicity screen, in an in vitro cell transformation assay, in a rat micronucleus test, in a rat bone marrow cytogenetic assay, and in an assay for unscheduled DNA synthesis in rat liver. It was mutagenic in a L5178Y/TK$^{+/-}$ mouse lymphoma assay and clastogenic in a cytogenetic assay using cultured human lymphocytes.

Zidovudine: Zidovudine was mutagenic in a L5178Y/TK$^{+/-}$ mouse lymphoma assay, positive in an in vitro cell transformation assay, clastogenic in a cytogenetic assay using cultured human lymphocytes, and positive in mouse and rat micronucleus tests after repeated doses. It was negative in a cytogenetic study in rats given a single dose.

Impairment of Fertility: Lamivudine: In a study of reproductive performance, lamivudine, administered to male and female rats at doses up to 130 times the usual adult dose based on body surface area considerations, revealed no evidence of impaired fertility (judged by conception rates) and no effect on the survival, growth, and development to weaning of the offspring.

Zidovudine: Zidovudine, administered to male and female rats at doses up to 7 times the usual adult dose based on body surface area considerations, had no effect on fertility judged by conception rates.

Pregnancy: Pregnancy Category C.

COMBIVIR® Tablets (lamivudine/zidovudine tablets): There are no adequate and well-controlled studies of COMBIVIR in pregnant women. Reproduction studies with lamivudine and zidovudine have been performed in animals (see Lamivudine and Zidovudine sections below). COMBIVIR should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefits outweigh the risks.

Lamivudine: Reproduction studies with orally administered lamivudine have been performed in rats and rabbits at 130 and 60 times, respectively, the usual adult dose (based on relative body surface area) and have revealed no evidence of teratogenicity. Some evidence of early embryolethality was seen in the rabbit at doses similar to those produced by the usual adult dose and higher, but there was no indication of this effect in the rat at orally administered doses up to 130 times the usual adult dose. Studies in pregnant rats and rabbits showed that lamivudine is transferred to the fetus through the placenta.

Zidovudine: Reproduction studies with orally administered zidovudine in the rat and in the rabbit at doses up to 500 mg/kg per day revealed no evidence of teratogenicity with zidovudine. Zidovudine treatment resulted in embryo/fetal toxicity as evidenced by an increase in the incidence of fetal resorptions in rats given 150 or 450 mg/kg per day and rabbits given 500 mg/kg per day. The doses used in the teratology studies resulted in peak zidovudine plasma concentrations (after one-half of the daily dose) in rats 66 to 226 times, and in rabbits 12 to 87 times, mean steady-state peak human plasma concentrations (after one-sixth of the daily dose) achieved with the recommended daily dose (100 mg every 4 hours). In an additional teratology study in rats, a dose of 3000 mg/kg per day (very near the oral median lethal dose in rats of 3683 mg/kg) caused marked maternal toxicity and an increase in the incidence of fetal malformations. This dose resulted in peak zidovudine plasma concentrations 350 times peak human plasma concentrations. No evidence of teratogenicity was seen in this experiment at doses of 600 mg/kg per day or less. Two rodent carcinogenicity studies were conducted (see Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility).

Antiretroviral Pregnancy Registry: To monitor maternal-fetal outcomes of pregnant women exposed to COMBIVIR and other antiretroviral agents, an Antiretroviral Pregnancy Registry has been established. Physicians are encouraged to register patients by calling 1-800-258-4263.

Nursing Mothers: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that HIV-infected mothers not breastfeed their infants to avoid risking postnatal transmission of HIV infection.

COMBIVIR: Zidovudine is excreted in breast milk (see CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY: Pharmacokinetics: Nursing Mothers subsection of full prescribing information); however, no data are available on COMBIVIR or lamivudine. Therefore, there is a potential for adverse effects in nursing infants. **Mothers should be instructed not to breastfeed if they are receiving COMBIVIR.**

Pediatric Use: COMBIVIR should not be administered to pediatric patients less than 12 years of age because it is a fixed-dose combination that cannot be adjusted for this patient population.

ADVERSE REACTIONS:
Lamivudine Plus Zidovudine Administered As Separate Formulations: In four randomized, controlled trials of EPIVIR 300 mg per day plus RETROVIR 600 mg per day, the following selected clinical and laboratory adverse events were observed (see Tables 2 and 3).

Table 2: Selected Clinical Adverse Events (≥5% Frequency) in Four Controlled Clinical Trials With EPIVIR 300 mg/day and RETROVIR 600 mg/day

Adverse Event		EPIVIR plus RETROVIR (n = 251)
Body as a whole	Headache	35%
	Malaise & fatigue	27%
	Fever or chills	10%
Digestive	Nausea	33%
	Diarrhea	18%
	Nausea & vomiting	13%
	Anorexia and/or decreased appetite	10%
	Abdominal pain	9%
	Abdominal cramps	6%
	Dyspepsia	5%
Nervous system	Neuropathy	12%
	Insomnia & other sleep disorders	11%
	Dizziness	10%
	Depressive disorders	9%
Respiratory	Nasal signs & symptoms	20%
	Cough	18%
Skin	Skin rashes	9%
Musculoskeletal	Musculoskeletal pain	12%
	Myalgia	8%
	Arthralgia	5%

Pancreatitis was observed in three of the 656 adult patients (<0.5%) who received EPIVIR in controlled clinical trials. Selected laboratory abnormalities observed during therapy are listed in Table 3.

Table 3: Frequencies of Selected Laboratory Abnormalities Among Adults in Four Controlled Clinical Trials of EPIVIR 300 mg/day plus RETROVIR 600 mg/day*

Test (Abnormal Level)	EPIVIR plus RETROVIR % (n)
Neutropenia (ANC<750/mm³)	7.2% (237)
Anemia (Hgb<8.0 g/dL)	2.9% (241)
Thrombocytopenia (platelets<50,000/mm³)	0.4% (240)
ALT (>5.0 x ULN)	3.7% (241)
AST (>5.0 x ULN)	1.7% (241)
Bilirubin (>2.5 x ULN)	0.8% (241)
Amylase (>2.0 x ULN)	4.2% (72)

ULN = Upper limit of normal.
ANC = Absolute neutrophil count.
n = Number of patients assessed.
*Frequencies of these laboratory abnormalities were higher in patients with mild laboratory abnormalities at baseline.

Observed During Clinical Practice: In addition to adverse events reported from clinical trials, the following events have been identified during post-approval use of EPIVIR and/or RETROVIR. Because they are reported voluntarily from a population of unknown size, estimates of frequency cannot be made. These events have been chosen for inclusion due to a combination of their seriousness, frequency of reporting, or potential causal connection to EPIVIR and/or RETROVIR.

Endocrine and Metabolic: Hyperglycemia.
General: Sensitization reactions (including anaphylaxis), vasculitis.
Hepatobiliary Tract and Pancreas: Lactic acidosis and hepatic steatosis (see WARNINGS), pancreatitis.
Musculoskeletal: Muscle weakness, CPK elevation, rhabdomyolysis.
Nervous: Seizures.
Skin: Alopecia, erythema multiforme, Stevens-Johnson syndrome, urticaria.

OVERDOSAGE:
COMBIVIR: There is no known antidote for COMBIVIR.
Lamivudine: One case of an adult ingesting 6 grams of lamivudine was reported; there were no clinical signs or symptoms noted and hematologic tests remained normal. It is not known whether lamivudine can be removed by peritoneal dialysis or hemodialysis.
Zidovudine: Acute overdoses of zidovudine have been reported in pediatric patients and adults. These involved exposures up to 50 grams. The only consistent findings were nausea and vomiting. Other reported occurrences included headache, dizziness, drowsiness, lethargy, confusion, and one report of a grand mal seizure. Hematologic changes were transient. All patients recovered. Hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis appear to have a negligible effect on the removal of zidovudine while elimination of its primary metabolite, GZDV, is enhanced.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION: The recommended oral dose of COMBIVIR for adults and adolescents (at least 12 years of age) is one tablet (containing 150 mg of lamivudine and 300 mg of zidovudine) twice daily.
Dose Adjustment: Because it is a fixed-dose combination, COMBIVIR should not be prescribed for patients requiring dosage adjustment such as those with reduced renal function (creatinine clearance ≤50 mL/min), those with low body weight (≤50 kg or 110 lb), or those experiencing dose-limiting adverse events.

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by DAVID GOLDMAN

OutCharlotte celebrates five years

The fifth annual OutCharlotte cultural festival takes place in North Carolina's "Queen City" Oct. 5-10.

The festival includes performance (Holly Hughes, John McGivern), film ("Edge of Seventeen"), drama ("Me, Mama and Patti LaBelle"), music (the Laura Love Band), a Saturday night dance, a Sunday tea dance, a 5K run/walk, a marketplace, workshops and more. Events will be held in various venues around Charlotte.

The all-inclusive festival pass is $64—a savings of 40 percent from the individual ticket prices.

The festival's purpose "is to foster awareness and appreciation of LGBT culture through arts-related, educational and historical programs."

For more information, visit www.outcharlotte.org or telephone 704-563-2699.

Thousands to help with Hands On Atlanta Day

A record 13,000 Atlantans are expected to participate in this Saturday's Hands On Atlanta Day. The volunteers will complete some 250 service projects during the event, which organizers say is the largest "serve-a-thon" in the country.

Hands On Atlanta Day Director Jesse Salinas, who is openly gay, said the event offers gay men and lesbians a special chance to be of service. "Hands On Atlanta Day gives gays and lesbians an opportunity to get out and help the community, work with others and realize that we are not alone. The needs of Atlanta extend beyond the boundaries of gay and straight and black and white. Hands On Atlanta Day is a great example of people of diversity coming together for a common cause—helping improve the city we call home.

"It's an amazing experience when it's all over—you see this huge outpouring of support and you know your job is worthwhile," said Salinas, a resident of Midtown. "There are so many warm-hearted people in Atlanta. Even so, we could really use the help of the gay community, this year especially because as Atlanta grows, so do the needs of the city. Hands On Atlanta Day is our biggest fund-raiser, and it is what keeps us going for the rest of the year."

DOUG FISHER

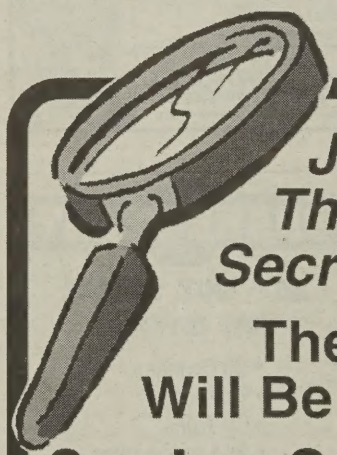
A few of the thousands who volunteered for Hands On Atlanta 1998.

Hands On Atlanta is a year-round clearinghouse for volunteers and those who need their services.

Hands On Atlanta Day projects begin on Saturday at 8 a.m. and conclude a noon. Projects may include preparing meals for seniors and people with AIDS, sprucing up parks and cleaning up schools. Afterward, volunteers are invited to a celebration at Centennial Olympic Park with food, beer and entertainment by Sonya Vitra and the Basement Poets.

Volunteers may register in advance by calling 404-875-8500 or visiting www.HandsOnAtlanta.com/day. Volunteers are also encouraged to seek pledges to be paid for each hour they serve.

Those who have not registered in advance but wish to participate may join the "super-team" that forms Saturday between 7:30 and 8:00 a.m. at Hands On Atlanta's office, 1605 Peachtree St.



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Appraising the high costs of housing

by DREW PLANT

Joyce Gibbs of Landmark Appraisal Services could easily talk people into becoming her competition just by telling them about how great her job is.

Gibbs, who owns with Sara Krauth and operates Landmark, a residential appraisal service is the first to tell you that she not only loves the basics of what she does, but loves the people she comes in contact with and likes seeing people make a home purchase or work toward a renovation of any scope or size.

DREW PLANT

Joyce Gibbs, a residential home appraiser, documents her findings with the help of a digital camera.

"I am interested in doing my job thoroughly," Gibbs said. "In fact, I'll go back out and redo part of my work if I have any doubts, but I'm a talker and I love getting to know people and finding out what they're about. That's maybe the best part of what I do."

Gibbs' garrulous personality serves her well in several ways, including an added-value service for appraisal clients, since she is more than willing to explain the process to homeowners and potential homeowners and make suggestions as to what they can do to help themselves. And a little education about their homes and the real estate market is appreciated by most people in an era when housing costs are particularly high, she said.

Appraisal clients, some of whom are homeowners but most of whom are connected with the lending process itself, reward Gibbs' enthusiasm with referrals.

"Since we started the business, we have operated based on word-of-mouth," Gibbs said. "If mortgage officers and the people whose homes you do like you, they tell somebody. We're lucky to have a good following, and I think part of that is because we are thorough and we are timely."

As for thorough, Gibbs said it is heartening when she appraises a property on which there is a previous appraisal and she comes close to the previous information through her own work.

"It's nice to know you got it right because most folks don't know that some other appraisals (on the same property) can be significantly different than yours."

As for timeliness, a source of pride for Gibbs, it became especially important last year when the real estate market surged. Instead of the usual five to seven homes Gibbs and Krauth appraise each week, they were doing up to 15.

"It was just incredible," Gibbs said. "We were doing two and sometimes more each day and doing paperwork and research at night and on the weekends. I love my work, but it got to be too much."

Back to a more normal pace, Gibbs said Landmark tries to call the homeowner and schedule an appraisal the same day after getting a request for the work, which usually comes from the lender. She also pulls "comps," or comparables, as part of research into values in a neighborhood or on a certain street.

"If we think a home won't 'appraise out' at the value the lender or home buyer wants and needs, we want to let them know that before we go out to the house and maybe not even make the trip," Gibbs said.

When she does visit a home, the bulk of her work involves taking comprehensive measurements of the inside and outside of a property and the lot itself. Gibbs, who is heterosexual but counts many gays among her colleagues and clients, also documents the property with photos, now utilizing a digital camera that is more efficient and provides photos that are easily retrievable.

Most appraisals, Gibbs explained, are for buying and selling a home or for refinancing. Appraisals for insurance purposes or other non-financing activities are usually written and billed as "refis" or refinances, she said, because the information gathered, including the amount and type gathered, is much the same.

The job also comes with a little excitement, too, Gibbs said.

"Well, I've had two people tell me I couldn't take pictures of their houses. I've been asked for a date once and another time I discovered a relative. We connected when he saw my maiden name on my business card," Gibbs said.

Even though most people answering the door at the homes she visits are not relatives, Gibbs continues to make the human connections.

"In fact, we do so many houses that I can't remember the houses and what's in them. But I remember the people I meet," Gibbs said.

Do you know of a gay or lesbian business, or one that especially focuses on or supports our community? Send your ideas to Drew Plant in care of this publication.

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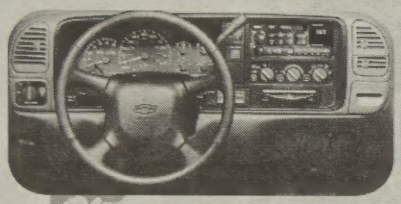

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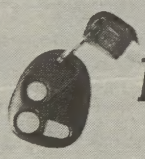

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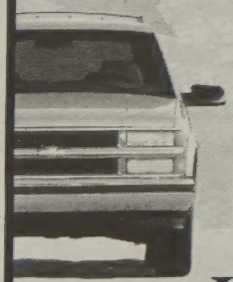

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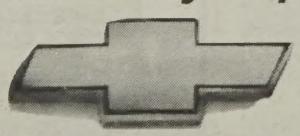

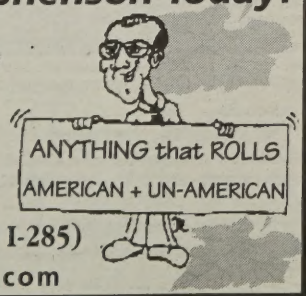

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Occasions

COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

Happy birthday to Julie Andrews on Oct. 1.

birthdays

Happy birthday to Brian Jackson on Oct. 2.

Happy birthday to rock star Sting on Oct. 2.

Happy birthday on Oct. 3 to Paul N. of Black & White Men Together/Atlanta.

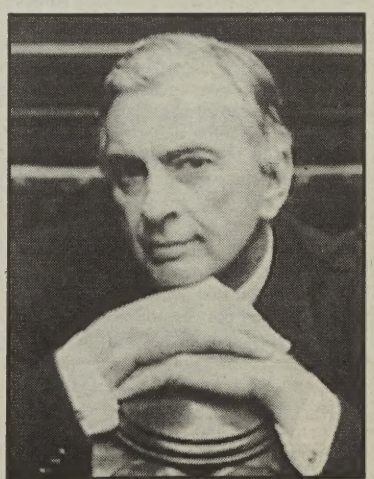
Happy birthday on Oct. 4 to Eric of the Atlanta Freedom Marching Band.

Happy birthday on Oct. 4 to "Thelma & Louise" star Susan Sarandon.

Best wishes to the Atlanta Rainbow Trout members celebrating birthdays: Bill L. on Sept. 30; John M. on Oct. 3; and Bill R. on Oct. 5.

engagement

"Angie Griffin has accepted the proposal of marriage to Mary Hurley. The two are going to be married in Amsterdam (where it is legal) on their third anniversary in June."



Gay writer Gore Vidal turns 74 on Oct. 3.

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community calendar

thursday, sept. 30

Teen Group. 6 pm. For youth age 14-18. Atlanta Gay & Lesbian Center, 71 12th St. 404-876-5372

Young Adult Group. 7:30 pm. For adults age 19-24. Atlanta Gay & Lesbian Center, 71 12th St. 404-876-5372

Atlanta Freedom Marching Band. 7 pm. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta, 1911 Cliff Valley Way. 404-622-0666

HIV Psychotherapy Group. 5:30 pm. Call for info. Positive Impact, 828 W Peachtree St #200. 404-885-9040

People Living with AIDS. 7 pm. Open group. Positive Impact, 828 W Peachtree St #200. 404-885-9040

HIV Caregivers' Group. 7 pm. Open group. Positive Impact, 828 W Peachtree St #200. 404-885-9040

Cobb County YouthPride. Support group. Call 404-223-6780

The Atlanta Quilting Bee. 7-9 pm. The Names Project. Open to the public; call in advance. First MCC, 1379 Tullie Rd. 404-315-0004

Yoga & Meditation for HIV/AIDS. 5-6 pm. Donation requested. Jaya Devi Yoga Studio, 312C N Highland Ave. 404-688-6757

Young Adult Support Group. 6:30-8 pm. For gays and lesbians 14-24. Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Center, 71 12th St. 404-876-5372

Community Empowerment Lunch. Noon-1 pm. Outwrite Bookstore & Coffeehouse, Piedmont at 10th. 404-607-0082

Immune Yoga. 5 pm. For people with HIV/AIDS. $5. Jaya Devi Yoga Studio, 312-C N Highland. 404-688-6757

Fellowship of Love Christian Church. Bible study 7 pm. 1442 Double Churches Rd, Columbus. 706-569-6436

Swim Practice. 8:30 pm. Atlanta Rainbow Trout. 404-286-6131

friday, oct. 1

GLSEN 3rd Annual National Conference. Oct 1-3. Atlanta. 212-727-0135

BiNet Atlanta. 8 pm. Support and social group for bisexuals. www.mindspring.com/~binet/. 404-256-8992

Congregation Bet Haverim Shabat service. 8 pm. Atlanta Friends Meeting House, 701 W Howard Ave, Decatur. 404-607-0054

Hotlanta Volleyball Association. Evenings. Open play for all levels. 770-621-5062

Ladies Night Swim. Atlanta Rainbow Trout. Call for info. 404-286-6131

Potter's House. Noon. Day program. Absolutely Positive+ Inc. 770-642-6646

Ballroom Dance Lessons. 7 pm. For the gay community. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta, 1911 Cliff Valley Way. 404-876-3950

Water Polo/Swim Practice. 7:30 pm. Atlanta Rainbow Trout. 404-286-6131

saturday, oct. 2

Free Morning at the High. 10 am-noon. Fulton County residents get two free tickets to High Museum of Art. 404-733-4400

Atlanta Prime Timers. 2 pm. Ponce de Leon Library, 980 Ponce de Leon Ave. 770-441-5573

Atlanta Girth & Mirth. 9 pm. Social activities for large men and their admirers. The Eagle, 306 Ponce de Leon. 770-663-7041

Atlanta Gender Explorations. 5-8 pm. Support group. Ormewood Park Presbyterian Church, 1071 Delaware Ave SE. 770-517-0265

Coming Out Support Group. 5 pm. Atlanta Lambda Center, 828 W Peachtree. 404-872-8741

St. Aelred's Parish Ecumenical Catholic Church. Saturday Evening Vigil Mass. 5:30 pm. Virginia-Highland Baptist Church, basement chapel, 743 Virginia Ave, 404-634-6412

Black & White Men Together/Atlanta. 7:30 pm. Potluck supper. 404-892-BWMT

Open House. Noon-5 pm. Free adjustments, refreshments. Wellness Center, 1799 Clairmont Rd. 404-378-2225

Women's Discussion Group. 7 pm. Atlanta Gay & Lesbian Center, 71 12th St. 404-876-5372

Athens GLBT Teen Support. 2-4 pm. 1250 Lumpkin St, Athens. 706-546-4611

Community Empowerment Breakfast. 10-11 am. Outwrite Bookstore & Coffeehouse, Piedmont at 10th. 404-607-0082

Atlanta Team Tennis Association Open Play. Social tennis for players at all levels. Piedmont Park, 2-6 pm. 770-621-2699

Front Runners Meet at 8 am in parking lot behind Piedmont Park tennis courts. 770-621-5007

Dogwood Toastmasters. 8 am. All are welcome. St Matthew's Lutheran Church, N. Druid Hills at Briarcliff. 404-633-5618 or 404-327-9330

Georgia Field Hockey Association Women's League. 9 am-noon. All skill levels welcome. Nori, 770-985-4903

sunday, oct. 3

20-Something. 6:30 pm. For persons 21-30. Atlanta Gay & Lesbian Center, 71 12th St. 404-876-5372

Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network GLSEN). 6-8 pm. Monthly meeting. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta, 1911 Cliff Valley Way. 404-872-4320

Asian Pacific Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Network. Monthly meeting. 404-371-0572

Southeast Gay Rodeo Association. Monthly meeting. 770-622-9510

Ormewood Park Presbyterian Church. Combined worship: 10 am. Corner Woodland & Delaware Aves. 404-627-2216

40+. 3:30 pm. For gay men and lesbians 40 and up. Atlanta Gay & Lesbian Center, 71 12th St. 404-876-5372

St Luke's Episcopal Church. 8 am, 9 am, 11:15 am: Holy Communion. 10:15 am: Adult education. 6 pm: Informal Eucharist & potluck supper. 435 Peachtree St. 404-873-7600

Grant Park-Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Sunday school, 9:30 am. Worship, 11 am. 575 Boulevard SE. 404-627-6221

Atlanta Friends. Quaker worship services, 10 am. Atlanta Friends Meeting House, 701 W Howard Ave, Decatur. 404-377-2474

St. Mark United Methodist Church. Communion, 8:30 am; Church school, 10 am. Worship, 9 am and 11:15 am. Corner of Peachtree and 5th. 404-873-2636

Trinity United Methodist Church. Sunday school, 9:30 am; Worship, 10:45 am. 265 Washington St. 404-659-6236

Pilgrimage United Church of Christ. All are welcome. Worship: 10 am. Church school: 11:15 am. 3755 Sandy Plains Rd, Marietta. 770-971-0007

Congregation Bet Haverim. 9:30-11:45 am. Reconstructionist Jewish education for adults and children. Friends School of Atlanta, 121 Sam's St, Decatur. 404-607-0054

Virginia-Highland Baptist Church. Christian education, 9:30 am. Liturgical worship with Holy Communion, 11 am. 743 Virginia Ave. 404-873-1355

Unity Fellowship of Christ Church. Worship service, 3 pm. 828 W Peachtree St. 404-752-5030

Abundant Grace Community Church. Worship service, 7 pm. 743 Virginia Ave. 404-815-0036

All Saints MCC. Worship service, 11 am. 957 N Highland Ave. 404-296-9822

Christ Covenant MCC. Worship services, 8:45 am & 11 am. 109 Hibernia Ave, Decatur. 404-373-2933

Circle of Grace Community Church. Worship service, 6 pm. Atlanta Friends Meeting House, 701 W Howard Ave, Decatur. 404-624-1140

First Existentialist Congregation. Celebration of life, 11 am. 470 Candler Park Dr. 404-378-5570

First MCC of Atlanta. Worship services11 am, 7:30 pm. Sign language interpretation provided. 1379 Tullie Rd. 404-325-4143

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta. Services: 9:30 & 11:15 am. Coffee/bookstore between and after service. Childcare and religious education provided. 1911 Cliff Valley Way, NE. 404-634-5134

Redefined Faith Worship Center. Worship service, 2:30 pm; black church tradition. 743 Virginia Ave. 404-872-2133

Circle of Love Fellowship of Atlanta. Worship service, 10 am. 778 Rays Rd Ste 108, Stone Mountain. 770-469-6419

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Marietta. All-inclusive service, 10:30 am. Childcare and religious education provided. 377 Henry Dr. 770-528-9542

American Apostolic Catholic Church—Parish of St. Mary's Dormition. Services, 9 & 11 am. 2429 Woodacres Rd. 404-982-0265

Our Hope MCC. Worship, 11 am. New College ballroom, Holiday Inn, 197 E Broad St, Athens. 706-202-3723

Gainesville Society of Religious Science. Sunday services, 11 am. Lymann Hall, Gainesville Civic Center, 830 Green St, Gainesville. 404-897-1026

New Church at Unity Midtown 11 am. Non-traditional, open-minded spiritual community. Academy of Medicine, 875 W Peachtree. 404-874-1937

Atlanta Church of Religious Science. Services: 10:30 am. All are welcome! Woodruff Arts Center, 180 Peachtree St. 404-355-3767

Gentle Spirit Christian Church. Worship, 7 pm. Independent church serving GLBT community. 1561 McLendon Ave. 404-522-1444

Ga Mts Unitarian Universalist Church. Services 11 am. 439 S Park St, Dahlonega. 706-864-0661

Northwest Unitarian Universalist Congregation. Service: 10:30 am. 1025 Mt Vernon Hwy. 770-955-1408

Fellowship of Love Christian Church. Services 2 pm. 1442 Double Churches Rd, Columbus. 706-569-6436

Ballroom Dancing Lessons. 2:30 pm. Singles or couples. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta. 1911 Cliff Valley Way, NE. 404-876-3950

Dog Hikers of GA. 10 am. All hikers with or without dogs welcome. 770-992-2362

Grief Support Group. 5:15 pm. Abundant Grace Community Church, 743 Virginia Ave. Call Dot 770-923-5714

Water Polo/Swim Practice. 11 am. Atlanta Rainbow Trout. Ga Tech Aquatic Center. 404-286-6131

monday, oct. 4

In the Life Atlanta. For gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning African-Americans. 828 W Peachtree St. 404-872-6410

Atlanta Opera Club. 7 pm. For opera buffs, from the curious to the connoisseur. 404-237-6507

Men's Discussion Group. 7 pm. Atlanta Gay & Lesbian Center, 71 12th St. 404-876-5372

Genesis at St Mark. 7 pm. For married or divorced men dealing with their sexual orientation. St Mark United Methodist Church, Peachtree at 5th. 404-873-2636

HIV Risk Reduction. 4 pm. Call for info. Positive Impact, 828 W Peachtree St #200. 404-885-9040

HIV Long-term Survivors. 6 pm. Call for info. Positive Impact, 828 W Peachtree St #200. 404-885-9040

Positively Living Support Group. 7:30 pm. AIDS Survival Project, 828 W Peachtree St, NW. 404-874-7926

Atlanta Venture Sports Bowling. 8:30 pm. Express Lanes, 1936 Piedmont Circle. 770-242-4899

Brothers Back 2 Back. 6-8 pm. African-American male HIV/AIDS support group. 828 W Peachtree St NW. 770-416-7062

Men's Rap Group. 7 pm. Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Center, 71 12th St. 404-876-5372

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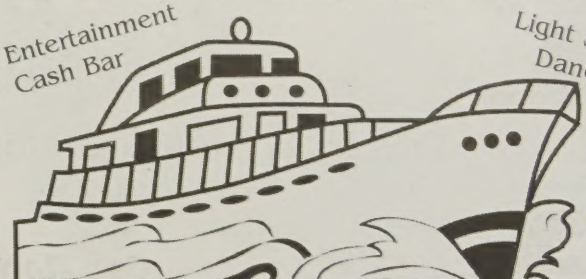

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Thoroughly modern Michael

Michael Feinstein, who opens the Rialto's season next week, loves the music of the past, but his heart is very much in the moment

by DAVID GOLDMAN

It would be easy to describe Michael Feinstein as a kind of lovely, delicate time traveler from another age, suspended like an insect in amber, frozen forever in a time before his time.

It would be easy—but wrong.

For while Feinstein is unquestionably one of the top interpreters of early- and mid-20th century pop American songs (as well as a tireless archivist and music preservationist), he's not lost in some reverie of long ago.

"I don't wish I was alive in another time, because I love everything that we have now," Feinstein, 43, said last week in a telephone interview from New York. He ticked off favorite accessories of the information age: the Internet, his in-home recording studio complete with DAT machine and CD recorder.

"Being alive today, I have everything that came before. I have access to all these wonderful songs, and all these things that were created 50 years ago. I never really wished that I lived in another time. It's just great to be around now," he said.

That's surprisingly un-nostalgic for a man who, as a boy, discovered his future passion in a stack of old 78 rpm records in the basement of his family home in Columbus, Ohio. Feinstein was the youngest of three children. His brother and sister "listened to all the pop music on the radio. But I was, for whatever reason, very drawn to these classic songs," he said, crediting his parents for the influence.

By age five, little Michael was up on the piano bench, picking out by ear the hit parade of his parents' generation. At 20, Feinstein headed west.

"I moved to Los Angeles in October 1976. I had not gone to college because I knew I didn't have the desire or the focus to study anything," he said.

Through a series of coincidences, Feinstein met June Levant, widow of the famed Gershwin interpreter Oscar Levant. (The supremely ironic Levant played himself in the 1945 Gershwin biopic "Rhapsody in Blue.")

"She introduced me to Ira Gershwin and his wife. I was first hired by Mr. and Mrs. Gershwin to catalog their collection of phonograph records and other memorabilia," he said.

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Come On Now

Indigo Girls offer a broad call to action on new CD out this week

by LAURA BROWN

"Come On Now Social," the title of Indigo Girls' new CD out this week, "beckons you to all things being social, and to take part in relationships, but it is not something that is specific, that you can say 'this title means exactly this,'" explains Emily Saliers, one half of the Grammy award-winning duo.

The title comes from a song by musical partner Amy Ray not included on the new album. While both Ray and Saliers have become outspoken activists, Saliers said "Come On Now Social" is "not specifically" a call to social action. "It's a call to whatever it calls you to," she says.

Whatever its individual meeting, "Come On Now Social" offers listeners an invitation into an album both intensely personal and political, wrapped in a musical package more diverse than any Indigo Girls' offering to date.

Co-produced by John Reynolds, a drummer who backed Sinead O'Connor on tour in 1997 and 1998, the CD features special guests including Joan Osborne, Sheryl Crow, Me'Shell Ndegeocello, and Luscious Jackson's Kate Schellenbach.

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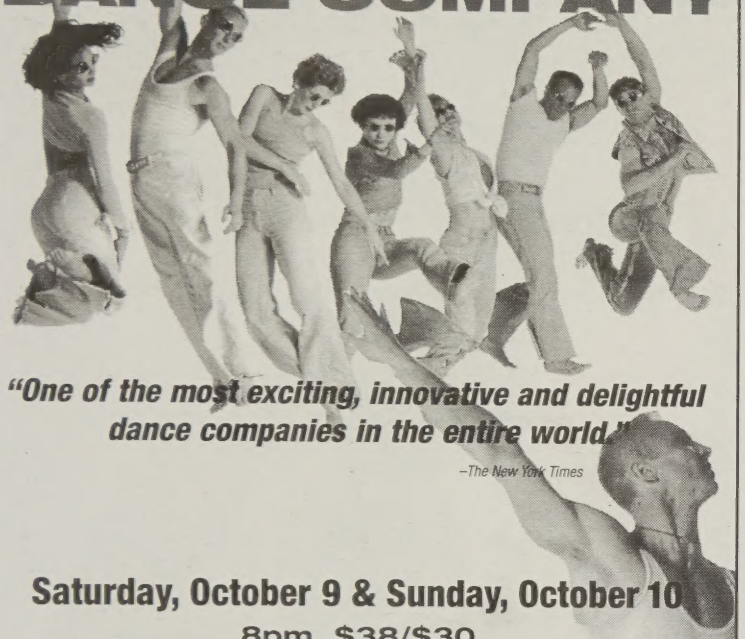

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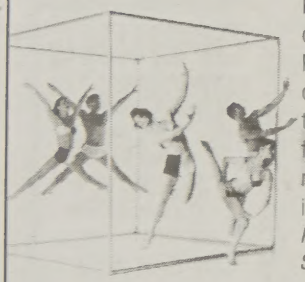

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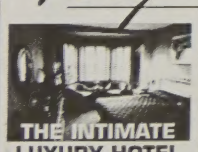

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On Stage

THEATER REVIEWS

by JIM FARMER

Romping with the unattached

Janece Shaffer's **HE LOOKS GREAT IN A HAT**, now playing at The Alliance Studio Theatre, marks the debut of a winning new voice, one that may be a little unpolished, but that is charmingly her own.

Rachel Solomon (Diana Henry) is a just-divorced Jewish woman, who has been thrust unexpectedly into the dating world. Her family—Mom Sylvia (Marilyn Sokol) and Dad Alan (Al Hamacher)—give her sympathetic looks, the "divorce tilt," Rachel calls it. Her grandmother has also passed away, and Sylvia warns her that is her "needy" stage. When she meets fellow divorcee Charles (Curt Hostetter) she hesitantly begins seeing him, yet the new relationship runs into various obstacles.

"He Looks Great in a Hat" is a humorous romp through the uncharted world of being unattached. "When you're in your 20s, you're single. When you're in your 30s, you're alone," says best friend Gwenn (Michelle Beamer). Sheffer also gets mileage out of her family and her Jewish upbringing.

As directed by Lawrence Keller, though, "Hat" can overdose on the quips. The first act, in particular, often unravels. A dinner scene, where Charles meets the family, has some laughs, but is overdone, as is the subsequent scene. The second act finds a smoother path, gently mixing comedy and drama. It seems less driven by a laugh track than its intriguing characters.

Romantic comedies most often fall in to a formula, where two characters meet and spend an hour and a half realizing they're meant to be together. Rachel's tale is one of self-discovery, one of growing up and realizing that love isn't perfect. Her idols have long been her grandparents, who she envisioned had an idealistic love.

Sheffer gives her characters more texture as the play progresses. Sokol, best known as Goldie Hawn's best friend in "Foul Play," starts off as a stock Jewish mother but grows fuller. Beamer, too, seems like mere comic relief, but has a revelation in which she accepts a marriage proposal out of default.

Henry is a perfect lead, a little wry, a little stubborn, somewhat immature, yet immensely human.

Sheffers' "Hat" can be a little rough around the edges. It's the work of a first-time playwright, and certain scenes have an unpolished feel. Nonetheless, "Hat" is still a most comfortable fit.

Synchronicity Performance Group is giving a modern spin to Lugio Pirandello's **SIX CHARACTER IN SEARCH OF AN AUTHOR**. The 1921 drama centers on an acting company (Neal Hazard, Stephanie Hodgdon, Julie Oshins, Kyle Weir) loafing around, waiting to begin rehearsing for "Romeo and Juliet." Their temperamental director (David A. Crowe) wants them to makes changes. "The producers want to young up the piece. Neal, could you throw in some jive talk?" And you, could you show some midriff."

BOBBY ABRAHAMSON

Director David Crowe (foreground) with Kim Shipley, Wesley Usher and Barbara Cole in 'Six Characters in Search of an Author.'

As the rehearsals begin, six characters emerge from virtually nowhere. They claim to be characters in a tragedy, and want to tell their story. The father (Kim Shipley), the mother (Wesley Usher), the stepdaughter (Barbara Cole) and the rest of the clan reveal what has happened to them. But they don't feel "actors" have the ability to flesh out the characters.

"Six Characters" runs without an intermission, and the middle section can be taxing. Rachel May's direction is effective, as the visitors come equipped with their own eerie reality. The best bits are the in-house theater jibes ("Why can't we change sets every five minutes?" The Alliance does.) but the main story is vivid and persuasively performed.

Particularly strong are Cole and Shipley, part of that terrific Actor's Express "Love! Valour! Compassion!" ensemble a few summers back. The final scene is chilling, as well.

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On Screen

FILM, VIDEO & TV REVIEWS

by KIMBERLY YUTANI

Polley carries female take on May-December romance

On the heels of "American Beauty's" subplot of an older man's obsession with a girl is Audrey Wells' film **GUINEVERE**, a story of the same relationship, told here from the female's point of view.

WILL MCGARRY

Sarah Polley (left) and Gina Gershon in 'Guinevere.'

"Guinevere" marks Wells' first job as director as well as screenwriter (her previous big script was "The Truth About Cats and Dogs"). Wells does an admirable job in her debut, but she has much to be thankful for in the performance of her lead actor, Sarah Polley.

Best known for her crucial role in Atom Egoyan's "The Sweet Hereafter," Polley carries the film, in what is a demanding role. She plays Harper, a 20-year-old wisp of a woman who just wants to disappear from her older (and successful) sister's wedding. Harper's just been accepted to Harvard Law School, and her attendance would carry on a family tradition, but it's obvious she couldn't care less.

Harper meets Connie (Stephen Rea), an Irishman old enough to be her father, who's the wedding photographer with a sympathetic ear. When he takes an exceptional portrait of her, she's won over and is drawn to him and his studio.

Connie seduces Harper by giving her the attention she could never get at home. He believes in her, encourages her to grow, be artistic, to strive for her potential in ways that she's never considered before. His words, art, and presence intoxicate her and intoxication, in all senses of the word, plays a big part in the film.

All of this, though, is familiar territory for Connie. He calls Harper "Guinevere," but it turns out there have been a string of prior Guineveres. He takes young women under his tutelage, but he's also sleeping with them.

The film is definitely Harper's story, and the film seems a little unfair to Connie. Harper becomes more and more interesting, while Connie becomes less so, and in fact, grows progressively more, and unbearably, pathetic.

Polley, 20, is a former child star in her native Canada. She embodied the character of Ramona, the revered character of Beverly Cleary's books, and gained a huge following as the lead of the series "The Road to Avonlea." As a teen to young adult, she's been unforgettable in "Exotica," "The Sweet Hereafter" and "Go." Her undertaking of interesting parts in challenging films, not to mention her intelligence and intensity, remind one of that other one-time child star, Jodie Foster.

In "Guinevere," Polley's performance is so nuanced, creating a real and honest character. She can express a precise emotion in a mere close-up and say so much without uttering a word.

Polley has a cerebral screen presence and her forte is definitely a dramatic, introverted style of acting, but you won't see a more genuine scene than when she approaches hysterical laughter when she realizes what exactly Connie wants from her.

In a supporting role, a vivacious Jean Smart is strong as Harper's bitter and insightful mother, who gets delegated all of the zingers. Gina Gershon, sly as ever, is memorable as a sympathetic ex-Guinevere.

"Guinevere" is often funny, but also disturbing. The big misstep of the film, an atrocious ending, is saved by the gorgeous, transcendent lead performance. This entire film could've been a flop in the hands of a less capable actor. There's a lot riding on this role, but Sarah Polley can handle it all, no problem.

PLUNKETT & MACLEANE, music director Jake Scott's feature film debut, shows all of the signs the director's previous work. Unfortunately, substituting style for substance doesn't quite cut it in the full-length motion picture business.

With lots of handheld cameras and a style reminiscent of "Lock Stock and Two Smoking Barrels," the film is an 18th century buddy picture. The two appealing protagonists, the low-class Will Plunkett (Robert Carlyle, "The Full Monty") and the wannabe gentleman James Macleane (Jonny Lee Miller, Sickboy of "Trainspotting"), are highwaymen trying to escape their squalor and move to America.

There's not much to the story of "Plunkett," other than highway robbing and Macleane falling for a young aristocratic woman, played by Liv Tyler (doing a pretty decent job, English accent and all). But if the narrative doesn't keep you awake, the violence, scatological humor, and gross-out quality of the film (rotting corpses) certainly will.

WILL MCGARRY

Stephen Rea in 'Guinevere.'

Alan Cumming (most recently seen getting swoony over Tom Cruise in "Eyes Wide Shut") has a very small role in the film, but talented scene-stealer that he is, plays the delectable part of Lord Rochester. Donning a purple hat, he makes eyes at Plunkett (he likes the rough trade), and delivers lines like, "Don't you just love a juicy cock fight?"

At times it's painfully clear that Jake Scott, son of Ridley Scott and nephew of Tony Scott, has a resume full of music videos. But this can also work to the film's advantage. One of the most striking elements of the film is the music and use of it.

Craig Armstrong, who did the soundtrack for the DiCaprio "William Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet" and has a solo album called "The Space Between Us," creates some remarkable scenes with his music. In particular, a masquerade party scene where electronica meets period piece visuals is amazing.

You can't deny "Plunkett & Macleane's" visual excellence. But in the end, the film leaves you with nothing more than that.

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Guinevere

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With dishes like marinated eggplant, shrimp caponata, insulata mista, and bife acebollado, you might describe the menu here as "Mediterranean." But when you trip across items like "Moroccan jerk steak" and "rum-cured salmon," well, maybe Southern European Eclectica might be a better string of adjectives.

By all means, do order the salmon as a appetizer, especially since it's cured in Mount Gay rum. Like most of the plates here, the serving is large and presentation somewhere between casual and chaotic. This is not a bad thing once you chow down on the rich salmon and its accompaniments—chopped eggs, caviar, capers, chopped onions and a kicky fennel scented remoulade.

But, if like many, your tongue's sensitivity is a function of your eyes' amusement, you may want to take your cured salmon at Seeger's or the Ritz-C. Or a twink cruise bar.

Equally casual in its presentation, a salad of lump crabmeat, fennel and oranges atop field greens is just plain boring. To be fair, this is the third time in the past two months that I've had virtually tasteless crab in an Atlanta restaurant, so it may just be that the world's blue crabs are freaked out about Y2K or some other impending global gloom and are hoarding their intense flavor for the new millennium.

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Moving from the dull to the delicious, a "macaroni pie" is poorly described—said pie piece is little more than a round of useless commercial puff-pastry—but way yummy to the tongue and tummy. The numerous noodles are bathed in a divine nutmeg scented béchamel, strewn with a plenitude of porcini mushrooms and topped with a good-sized glop of meat-rich ragu that puts to shame the sauces that bear the same name and a capital "R."

Order two simple salads, split one of these pies-that-is-not and a bottle of the tasty La Colonica sangiovese, and you'll go home sated and happy.

Your risk of annoyance increases exponentially if you order the tasty sounding filet—stuffed with mushrooms, herbs, pine nuts and picon cheese—topped with a sherry pan deglaze. The meat is way tender and has enough flavor to stand up to the complex filling/sauce combo, but the piece we were served had the annoyingly soft texture that comes with too much time spent wrapped in cryovac. An $18.95 no-no in my little black book.

Brunch a couple of days later provided a far more satisfactory way to consume animal protein: a boneless NY strip, marinated in olive oil and lemon, then grilled. It's served with sublime eggs, soft-scrambled with onions and feta, and roasted/fried potatoes, also slathered with onions, all for $9.95.

Those less inclined to clog their arteries at a single seating would do well to order the wambo sized salmon burger, made with fresh fish and anointed with a decent feta-dill sauce. Yum.

At $6.95, a second glass of wine is a better investment than the espresso fudge cake.

Weather permitting, sitting outside is a great idea, especially during the day when the dining room's concrete floors and stark decor feel a little chilly even in nice weather. At night, warm lighting and the murmur of many conversations make the dining room happily habitable.

Service is well-paced, and—if a hyper-animated Franco-Italian waitress named FiFi sounds like your cup of tea—lots of fun. Those who prefer less familiar service may wish to be seated on another server's station.

Were dinner prices 20 percent less, I'd be more enthused; as is, I'd recommend brunch, Saturday and Sunday, first. If you love it, then go for dinner.

After more than 13 years of averaging at least one restaurant review a week, time has come for me to wave and say "bye-bye" as well as "thanks" to readers, editors and friends who have encouraged, sometimes even goaded, me to keep at it.

For someone who earns his daily bread counting beans rather than cooking them, writing about food in Atlanta has been a blessed creative luxury that will be missed. But my new job as business manager of a restaurant and soon-to-be opened cook's market makes objective, albeit sometimes colorful, reporting about restaurants a true oxymoron.

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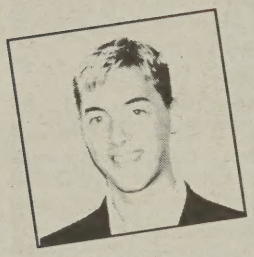

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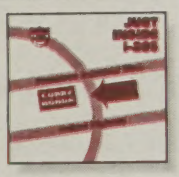

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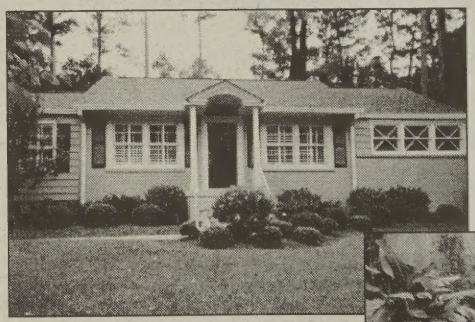

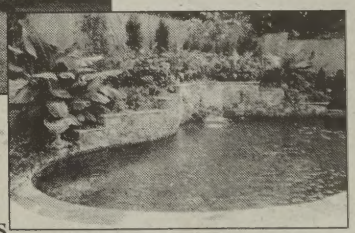

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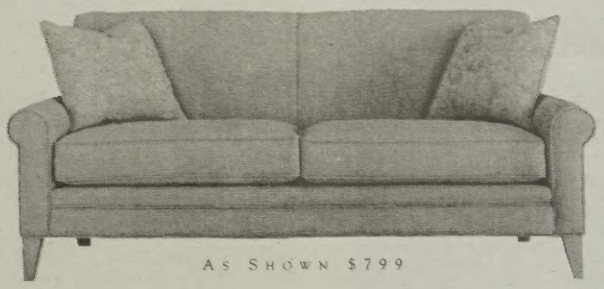

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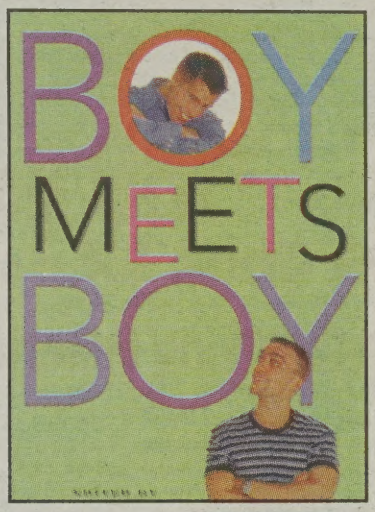
Meeting 'boys' in queer collections

by MATTHEW LINK



When literary students look back a hundred years from now, they might think the word "anthology" actually means gay and lesbian literature, since there are so many queer collections out there. **BOY MEETS BOY** is yet another.

But if these anthologies continue to serve up scrumptious hors d'oeuvres of varied flavors and recipes, so be it. Party favors are always tastier than the main course.

"Boy Meets Boy" is a musing over the ways gay men date and don't date. As the editor of these stories points out, gay men can meet and have sex regularly, yet may never confuse this practice with actual dating.

As Matthew Ruttenmund, in the piece "Giving It Up" writes: "Dating becomes the stuff you do to pass the time before you both take off your clothes and laugh at the hetero world."

As the editor points out, in the gay world it's possible to go out on your first date after already having had sex with someone. The search for Mr. Right, or Mr. Right Now, preoccupies much of our social time.

But do gay men not enjoy pure romance, too? Or is that the domain of those uptight straights? Although gay men have never been ones to look towards heterosexuality as any kind of marker of acceptable behavior, what's funny is that heterosexuals seem to be more and more looking to gay men and their sexual conquests and dropping and picking up of mates.

"Boy Meets Boy" starts off innocently enough with the funny "Missing Paul" by Marc J. Heft, in which the face-to-face rendezvous of cyber buddies ends up in a case of mistaken identity. Although the title of this anthology may sound sweet and shy, make no mistake: The unsanitary parts begin to slowly reveal themselves, from fingers being sucked on by strangers in bars, to the clutching of sticky jock straps in college dorms, to the keeping of spare coins in places you wouldn't normally hold them. There's even a woman's tongue that ends up in an in orifice of one of our heroes without his knowledge.

Although the tone of the tales become more and more peculiar, the reading becomes more and more life-like and pungent. The first section of the book is called "Looking for Mr. Right," the middle part "Strange Lovers and Loving Strangers," and the third "Odd Encounters." By the time you get to the final section, you'll definitely know it.

It may have been more heartening to have the inverted pyramid built the other way round, from strange encounters to sweet, but as anyone who has jumped head-first into the dark recesses of the dating pool knows, from innocent to bizarre is the true and rapid progression when attempting to make a love connection with perfect strangers.

The gay search for someone to click and connect with is an ongoing, epic, and sometimes sad quest until, as the book hopes, "you finally find someone with whom to give it up forever." But the emphasis of the anthology (be it ever so true to life) seems to be on random encounters rather than true linear courtship of one individual.

Judging by the selection of writers in "Boy Meets Boy," this gay dating thing is a world-wide phenomenon. Writers come from Australia, England, New York and Seattle, but rare will be the gay man who won't relate to most of them. Hopefully, over time gay men are also having more play, joy and true camaraderie in their conquests of one another, and less cold attitude and lack of respect.

Like a friend telling you the details of last night's trick over the phone, "Boy Meets Boy" is at times a crude and funny account of possible shaded truths, but who cares. It's still a gas to listen to. Gay men may have cornered the market on dry, snappy writing for generations to come. I would just like to read a comparable lesbian anthology on dating.

With that, I could see if women, when it comes to courtship, place intimacy and romance as far down the list as men seem to do. In the meantime, a diet of spicy appetizers will have to be filling enough.

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Queer cinema returns with annual film festival

by JIM FARMER

When "Out on Film," Atlanta's annual gay and lesbian film festival, returns next week for its 12th year, it will have its usual emphasis on diverse queer cinema and visiting filmmakers. But new this year will be panel discussions after some screenings to discuss issues dealt with in the films.

Running from Oct. 7 to Oct. 10 at Phipps Plaza Theatres, "Out on Film" will feature almost 30 films.

"As usual, we try to present the best in queer cinema, with a mixture of comedies, dramas, documentaries and shorts," said Kelly Williams of IMAGE Film and Video, festival sponsors. "We also have some features that are opening nationally across the country soon. We're all very excited to be adding panelists. We received some grants this year that have enabled us to have three diverse discussions during the course of the event."

Opening the festival at 8 p.m. on Oct. 7 is "Get Bruce," a documentary about Bruce Vilanch, one of Hollywood's most celebrated writers. Vilanch has been called the funniest man in Hollywood by Whoopi Goldberg, Billy Crystal, Bette Midler and others. Openly gay, he currently writes and appears on "Hollywood Squares."

"Get Bruce" opens nationally later this fall. A reception will follow the screening at the Peasant Uptown, in Phipps Plaza.

Closing the festival is the second feature by Rose Troche, who created a ripple with her debut "Go Fish." "Bedrooms and Hallways," showing Oct. 10 at 8 p.m., is a comedy of manners about two British flatmates and their hunt for love in the '90s. A reception will follow at Fusebox at 3085 Piedmont Road.

A coup this year is "Boom!" This rarely-shown film (it's not even on video) was made in 1968 and is based on play by Tennessee Williams. It stars Elizabeth Taylor as the richest woman in the world. After she has laid her sixth husband to rest, she moves to a far-away island and is soon visited by the Angel of Death (Richard Burton) and the Witch of Capri (Noel Coward.) It's a personal favorite of John Waters.

Jodie Foster's Disney comedy "Freaky Friday" is also on tap. Co-starring Barbara Harris, the comedy takes place on a Friday the 13th when a mother and daughter magically change roles. It's not a gay film, but Foster has a strong following in the gay community.

"We also wanted to have something for everyone. This is a feature the family can see," Williams said.

Adults are admitted free if they bring a child under the age of 13.

The much-discussed British TV show "Queer as Folk" makes it Atlanta debut as well at 1 p.m. on Oct. 10.

"It is controversial because of all the nudity and sexual situations, but also because these gay people's lives are as complicated and dimensional as their straight counterparts," Williams said.

Making a return visit is Atlantan Sidra Smith's "A Luv Tale," which won the Audience Award at the 23rd annual Atlanta Film and Video Festival, and Kieran Turner's "24 Nights," about a young man who writes Santa asking for a boyfriend.

Smith and Turner will be among the panel members for "Y2Gay: Queer Films in the Next Millennium." With the help of producers, directors and critics, the issue of whether more gay films will be around next year, and if mainstream studios are willing to make more gay films, will be debated.

Another panel, manned by experts from AIDS Survival Project and at the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, will look at "Negative Result/Positive Impact: Aids and HIV-Negative Gay Men," after the HIV-related documentary "Only Human," which shows Oct. 9 at 4 p.m.

JULIA VAN VILET

Kevin Isola in '24 Nights,' one of more than two-dozen films at the upcoming 'Out on Film' Oct. 7-10.

Oscar nominee Ian McKellan narrates the documentary "Surviving Friendly Fire," in which 10 runaways unite to make a play about growing up gay and lesbian, abuse in their home and how they survived on the streets. A discussion on "Shelter From the Storm: Young Lives rebuilt After Coming Out" will follow after the 11 a.m. showing on Oct. 10.

The panel discussions are free.

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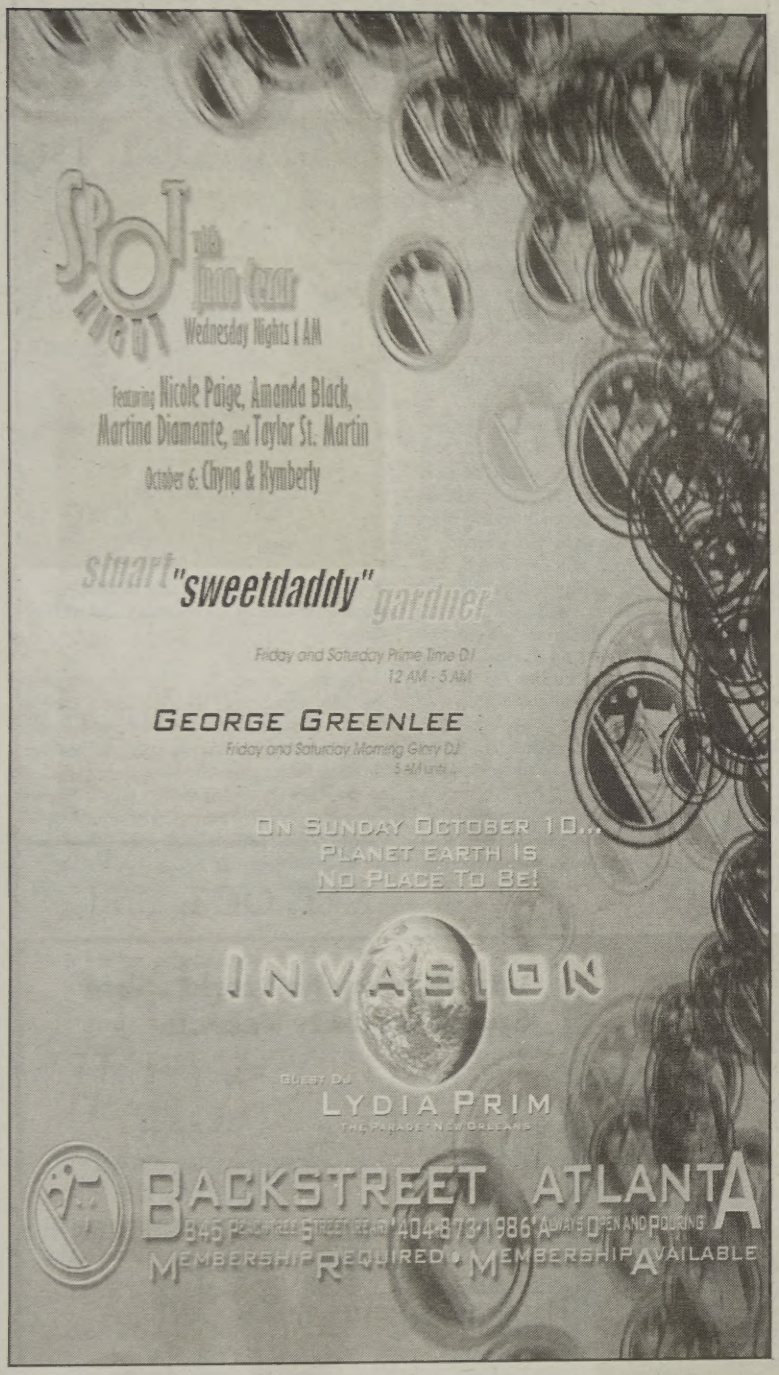

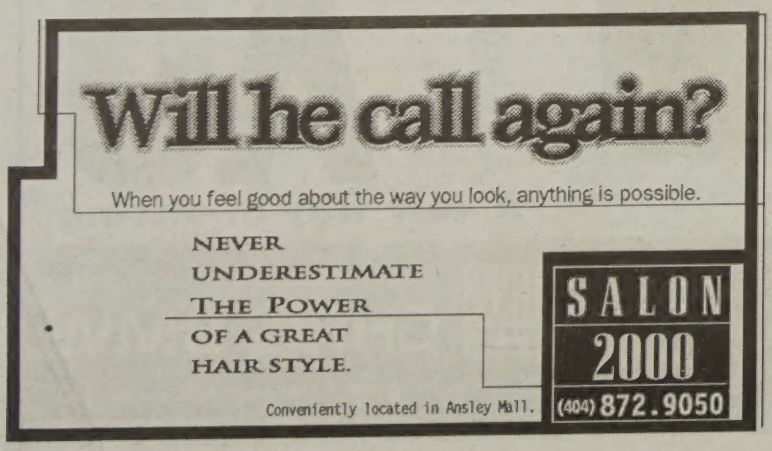

events calendar

Sept. 30 - Oct. 6

compiled by DAVID GOLDMAN

The international hit **'Riverdance'** continues at the Atlanta Civic Center through Sunday. Telephone 404-658-7159.

special events

RIALTO OPEN HOUSE Fri, 11 am-2 pm. Tour the renovated downtown venue and learn about its exciting performance series. Free. Rialto Center for the Performing Arts, Forsyth St at Luckie. 404-651-4727

SCANDINAVIAN WEEKEND Fri-Sun. Film, food, art from lovely Scandinavia. Emory U. 404-727-4748

GLSEN YOUTH DANCE Sat, 9 pm-1 am. Mardi Gras theme dance for persons 24 and younger. Peachtree Ballroom, Westin Peachtree Plaza. 404-815-0551

GEORGIA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL Oct 2-Nov 7. Now featuring Great Cats of the World! I-85 south to exit 12. 770-964-8575

KIRKWOOD CENTENNIAL FESTIVAL & TOUR OF HOMES Sat-Sun. 404-371-4535

BACON FEST 5 Sat. Off-the-wall theater company's outrageous annual fund-raiser. Dad's Garage, 280 Elizabeth St. 404-523-3141

AIDS WALK KICK-OFF PARTY Mon, 6 pm. Food and wine in event to benefit AIDS Walk Atlanta. $20. The Country Place, Colony Square. 404-881-0144

OUT CHARLOTTE '99 Oct 5-10. The Queen City celebrates its fifth annual gay festival with music, theater, film, dancing and more. 704-563-2699

EVERY CENT COUNTS Businesses collecting money for the Midtown Assistance Center to aid the working poor, including people with AIDS. Look for the big Coca-Cola collection banks. 404-892-4782

GAY COVE Fri-Sun, sunrise-sunset. Join the men and women of Lake Lanier's "boating family." Channel marker 21 by Athens Park. 404-373-4667

bookstore/lecture

CHARIS BOOKS & MORE Thur, 7:30 pm: "Run Like a Girl" video and discussion. Sun, noon-5 pm: annual used book sale. Mon, 4 pm: bell hooks signs "Happy to be Nappy." Mon, 7:30 pm: women's book group discusses "Alias Grace." Oct 7, 7:30 pm: Chana Kai Lee signs "For Freedom's Sake: The Life of Fannie Lou Hamer."1189 Euclid Ave. 404-524-0304

CHAPTER 11 Thur, 7 pm. Ever wonder how that perky Helen Thomas gets to ask so many questions at presidential press conferences? Ask her yourself when she signs "Front Row at the White House." Ansley Mall. 404-872-7986

CHAPTER 11 Fri, 7 pm. Meet talk show host Mother Love, who signs "Forgive or Forget: Never Underestimate the Power of Forgiveness." Northlake. 770-414-9288

cabaret/drag

MOUTH OF THE SOUTH LIVE! Mon, 9:30 pm: Join *eclipse* magazine's own Peg for a weekly chat-fest with special guests. This week: exciting selections from Joker's Wild clothing. Taped for cablecast on People TV. Metro

METRO Thur: EJ hosts best body parts contest. Sun, 9 pm: Silhouettes of Illusion with Regina Sims. Wed: Monica Layne's "Drag on the Edge." 1080 Peachtree. 404-874-9869

CHARLIE BROWN'S X-RATED CABARET Thurs. & Sun 1 am; Fri. & Sat 11:30 pm: The bitch herself and her full cast. Backstreet Atlanta, 845 Peachtree. 404-873-1986

THE ARMORY Thurs.-Sat 11 pm, also 1 am late show Fri. & Sat: The Divas. Sun 9 pm: The Armorettes. 836 Juniper. 404-881-9280

THE OTHERSIDE ATLANTA Thur: Heather Daniels hosts talent search at 11 pm. Fri: Live band; Lauren LaMasters at 10 pm. Sat: Live band, Heather Daniels at 10:30. Sun: 18+. Mon: football & movies with Kristy Kaye. 1924 Piedmont Rd. 404-875-5238

TRAXX Mon, 10:30 pm & 12:30 am: Fear the power of Sophia Macintosh! The Warehouse, 306 Luckie St. 404-681-4422

JOSH'S RAINBOW ROOM Grand opening Sat. Featuring The Women. 404-768-2367

MODEL T Thur, 10:30 pm: talent search. Sat, 11:30 pm: Model T Girls. Sun, 10 pm: Sisters of Soul. Kroger Shopping Center, 699 Ponce de Leon, 404-872-2209

THE NEW ORDER Thur: piano bar sing-along. Ansley Mall. 404-874-8247

LE BUZZ Mon, 9:30 pm: Karaoke. 585 Franklin Rd, Marietta. 770-424-1337

COMEDY RESPONSE UNIT Sat, 9:30 pm: Live improv. Ballroom Studios, 107 Luckie St, 2nd floor. 404-522-2709

dance

ATLANTA BALLET Sept 30-Oct 10. North American premiere of "The Hunchback of Notre Dame." Fox Theatre

exhibits

ART STATION Thru Oct 31. Member juried exhibition and competition. 5384 Manor Dr, Stone Mt. 770-469-1105

TRINITY GALLERY Reception Oct 1, 6-9 pm; thru Nov 5. Larry Gray, Jacob Cooley. 315 E Paces Ferry Rd. 404-237-0370

SPELMAN COLLEGE Thru Nov 12. Works by 84-year-old Elizabeth Catlett. Museum of Art. 404-223-1482

SWAN COACH HOUSE GALLERY Thru Oct 23. New paintings by Fleur Cowles. 3130 Slaton Dr NW. 404-266-0057

GEMS OF AFRICA Sun, 5:30 pm. Nuwa Wamala Nnyanzi. 630 N Highland Ave. 404-876-8200

CHRISTINA GALLERY Oct 1 thru Nov 19. Andre Raffin, Susan Sandler, Kosmas Ballis, Hy T Snell, John Wojcik, Rick Sweitzer. 271 E Paces Ferry Rd. 404-240-0301

GALLERIE DORITA! Fri-Sun. Glass blowers exhibit. 3224 Peachtree. 404-869-0041

HIGH MUSEUM OF ART Thru Nov 7: "Deanna Sirlin: Retracings." 1280 Peachtree St. NE. 404-733-HIGH

HIGH FOLK ART & PHOTOGRAPHY GALLERIES Thru Nov 6: "Harry Callahan Photographs." Thru April 15. "African-American Self-Taught Art." Ga Pacific Center. 404-733-4437

ATLANTA CELEBRATES PHOTOGRAPHY Thru Oct 29. City-wide exhibit in more than 50 venues. Call for guide. 404-885-9240

JOHN CAMPBELL

Through Oct. 10 at the Fox Theatre, the **Atlanta Ballet** presents the North American premiere of 'The Hunchback of Notre Dame.' Shown are Julianne Kepley and Mariusz Ostrowski. Telephone 404-881-2100.

Fabulous **Diamond Lil** is one of the Atlanta legends featured this week on Charlie Brown's 'CBTV.' It airs Saturday nights at 10 p.m., with a new show every other week. Catch it on People TV, cable channel 12 or 24.

music

CHOICE CELEBRATION Thur. Doria Roberts, 45 Mercy, David Ryan Harris, others in benefit for Feminist Women's Health Center. Dad's Garage, 280 Elizabeth St. 404-523-3141

ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Thur-Sat. Featuring Helene Grimaud, piano. Symphony Hall. 404-733-5000

GEORGE SKAROULIS Fri, 7-10 pm. Openly gay pianist entertains at "Martinis at IMAX." Fernbank Museum of Natural History, 767 Clifton Rd. 404-370-1822

WENDY BUCKLEW Sat. Former Atlantan returns with new material. My Sisters' Room, 222 E Howard, Decatur. 404-370-1990

LINDA RONSTADT & EMMYLOU HARRIS Sun. Symphony Hall. 404-733-5000

FREE RECITAL Sun, 3:30 pm. Cathedral of St Philip, 2744 Peachtree Rd. 404-365-1050

SPIVEY HALL Fri: Naji Hakim, organ. Sat: Jazz from the Tommy Flanagan Trio. Sun, 3 pm: Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center. Clayton College and State University, Morrow. (770) 961-3683

THE TABERNACLE Thur: WineRave, a benefit for Atlanta Coalition of Theatres. Sun: Incognito. 152 Luckie St. 404-659-9022

EDDIE'S ATTIC Thur: the John Faye Power Trip, Shannon Turner. Fri: Five Act Friday. Sat: Gracie & the Slipcovers, Blake Gutherie. Sun: Elise Witt, Berne Poliakoff, Martin Swinger. Mon: acoustic open mic. Tue: Dayna Kurtz, Michael Magno. Wed: Shadowood, Angie Heimann. 515-B N McDonough St, Decatur. 404-377-4976

VARIETY PLAYHOUSE Thur-Fri: String Cheese Incident. Sat: Eddie from Ohio. Sun: Montell Jordan. Wed: Los Van Van. Oct 7: Alan Parsons Project. 1099 Euclid Ave. 404-521-1786

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my Sisters' Room
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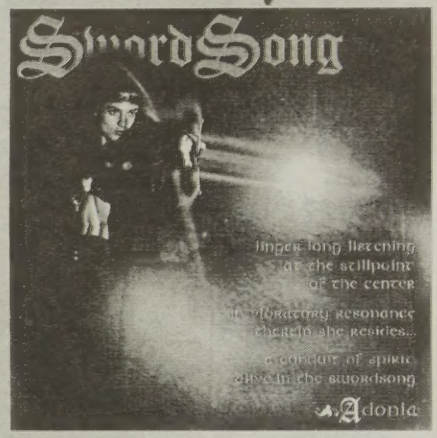

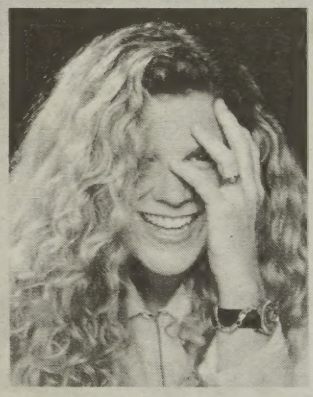

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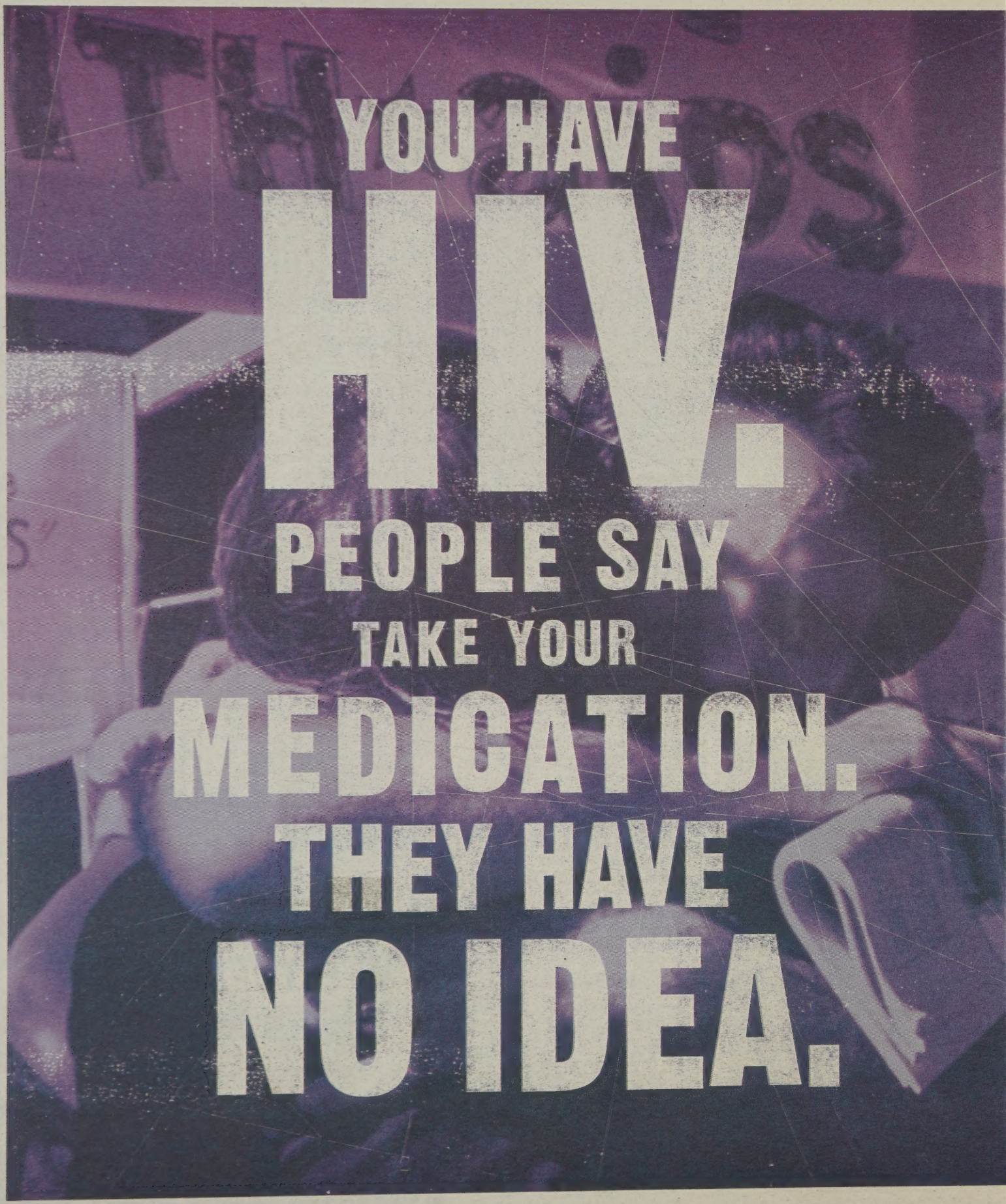
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MEDICATION.
THEY HAVE
NO IDEA.

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Our new protease inhibitor is called Agenerase™ (amprenavir). It can be taken with or without food, so you can eat when you want to eat. (Just be sure to avoid taking Agenerase with a high-fat meal.) Take it twice a day, in the morning and evening. It stays in your system all day.

Agenerase in combination with other antiviral medicines is for the treatment of HIV infection. This use is based on 24-week studies of its effects on viral load and CD4 cell counts.

Of course, Agenerase is not perfect.

Agenerase is not a cure and has not been shown to prevent transmission of HIV infection. At this time, it is not known whether taking Agenerase will slow the progress of HIV disease or help you live longer.

We know side effects are a major concern for people taking protease inhibitors. In clinical trials Agenerase was generally well tolerated. But there were side effects associated with the drug. The most common side effects with Agenerase are nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, rash, and a tingling sensation around the mouth. If these side effects occur, they are usually mild to moderate and tend to stop after a few weeks of treatment.

You should know that high blood sugar, shifts in location of body fat, and a certain type of anemia have been seen in patients taking protease inhibitors, including Agenerase. Serious and/or life-threatening drug interactions and skin reactions have also been seen in patients taking Agenerase.

See important information for patients on next page.

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PATIENT INFORMATION

AGENERASE™ (amprenavir) Capsules
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Please read this information before you start taking AGENERASE (pronounced ah-GEN-er-ase), and re-read it each time you receive your prescription, just in case something has changed. Remember that this information does not take the place of careful discussions with your doctor when you start this medication and at checkups. You should not change or stop your anti-HIV treatment without first talking with your doctor. **You should tell your doctor about any drug you are taking or planning to take because taking AGENERASE with some medications can result in serious or life-threatening problems.**

What is AGENERASE?
AGENERASE is a medication used to treat HIV infection. HIV is the virus that causes AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome). AGENERASE is taken by mouth as a soft gel capsule or oral solution. It belongs to a class of anti-HIV medicines called protease inhibitors.

How does AGENERASE work?
AGENERASE is used only in combination with other anti-HIV medicines. When used in combination therapy, AGENERASE may help lower the amount of HIV found in your blood, raise CD4 (T) cell count, and keep your immune system as healthy as possible so that it can help fight infection. However, AGENERASE does not have these effects in all patients.

What are the side effects of AGENERASE?
Common side effects of AGENERASE are nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, rash, and a tingling sensation around the mouth. Severe or life-threatening rash has been reported.

Contact your doctor if you have nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or rash. Your doctor may be able to help you manage these symptoms. Your doctor will advise you whether your symptoms can be managed on therapy or whether AGENERASE should be stopped.

This list of side effects is not complete. Your doctor or pharmacist can discuss with you a more complete list of possible side effects with AGENERASE. Talk to your doctor promptly about any side effects you have.

How should I take AGENERASE?
Take AGENERASE exactly as your doctor prescribes it. The usual dosage for adults and adolescents (at least 13 years of age) is eight 150-mg soft gel capsules twice a day (morning and night), in combination with other anti-HIV medicines.

AGENERASE can be taken with or without food. However, you should not take AGENERASE with a high-fat meal because this could reduce the effectiveness of AGENERASE.

What should I do if I miss a dose of AGENERASE?
To help make sure that your anti-HIV therapy is as effective as possible, be very careful to take all of your medication exactly as your doctor prescribed it and do not skip any doses.

If you miss a dose of AGENERASE by more than 4 hours, wait and take the next dose at the regularly scheduled time. However, if you miss a dose by fewer than 4 hours, take your missed dose immediately. Then take your next dose at the regularly scheduled time. Do not take more or less than your prescribed dose of AGENERASE at any one time.

When your supply of AGENERASE or other anti-HIV drugs starts to run low, arrange to get more from your doctor or pharmacy. It is very important that you take anti-HIV drugs as prescribed by your doctor because the amount of virus in your blood may increase if one or more of the drugs is stopped, even for a short time.

Can AGENERASE be taken with other medications?
Protease inhibitors, including AGENERASE, may interact with other drugs, including those you take without a prescription. Before you take AGENERASE, tell your doctor about any drugs that you are taking or planning to take including non-prescription drugs.

- **You should not take any of the following medications with AGENERASE because serious or life-threatening problems could occur.***

Halcion® (triazolam)	Propulsid® (cisapride)
Hismanal® (astemizole)	Versed® (midazolam)
Ergot medications (Cafergot® and others)	Vascor® (bepridil)

- **You should also not take rifampin** with AGENERASE because this drug reduces the effectiveness of AGENERASE. Rifampin is also known as: Rifadin®, Rifamate®, Rifater®, and Rimactane®.

- **Serious and/or life-threatening drug interactions can also occur if you take AGENERASE with any of the following drugs.*** If you need to take any of these drugs, your doctor may closely monitor the amount of drug in your blood to minimize potential problems.
  Cordarone® (amiodarone)
  Phenobarbital
  Dilantin® (phenytoin)
  Lidocaine
  Coumadin® (warfarin)
  (quinidine) Quinaglute®, Cardioquin®, Quinidex®
  Antidepressants such as Elavil® (amitriptyline), Norpramin® (desipramine), Pamelor® (nortriptyline), Tofranil® (imipramine)

- Before you take Viagra® (sildenafil) with AGENERASE, talk to your doctor about possible drug interactions and side effects. If you take Viagra and AGENERASE together, you may be at increased risk of side effects of Viagra such as low blood pressure, visual changes, and penile erection lasting more than 4 hours. If an erection lasts longer than 4 hours, you should seek immediate medical assistance to avoid permanent damage to your penis. Your doctor can explain these symptoms to you.

- If you use birth control pills, talk to your doctor about choosing a different type of contraceptive, since AGENERASE may reduce the effectiveness of some birth control pills.

- Because AGENERASE Capsules and Oral Solution contain large amounts of vitamin E, you should not take additional vitamin E while taking AGENERASE.

- **Special considerations:***
  If you take AGENERASE with Mycobutin® (rifabutin), your doctor will lower the dose of Mycobutin.
  If you take AGENERASE with Videx® (didanosine, ddI), take them at least 1 hour apart.
  If you take AGENERASE with antacids, take them at least 1 hour apart.

Does AGENERASE cure HIV infection or AIDS?
AGENERASE does not cure HIV infection or AIDS. At this time we do not know if AGENERASE will help you live longer or have fewer of the medical problems (opportunistic infections) that are associated with HIV infection or AIDS. Because of this, you must be sure to be seen regularly by your healthcare professional.

Does AGENERASE reduce the risk of passing HIV to others?
No. AGENERASE, as well as other anti-HIV medications, has not been shown to reduce the risk of passing HIV to others through sexual contact or blood contamination. Continue to practice safe sex and do not use or share dirty needles.

Who should not take AGENERASE?
Do not take AGENERASE if you have had a serious allergic reaction to AGENERASE or any of its ingredients. If you have liver disease, your dosage of AGENERASE may have to be adjusted.

If you are allergic to sulfa drugs, you should inform your doctor.

Can children take AGENERASE?
Children from 4 to 12 years of age can also take AGENERASE. Your doctor will tell you if the oral solution or capsule is best for your child. Your child's doctor will decide the right dose based on your child's weight and age. AGENERASE has not been studied in children under 4 years of age.

Can pregnant women and nursing mothers take AGENERASE?
AGENERASE has not been studied in pregnant women and the risk to the unborn child is not known. Talk to your doctor if you are pregnant or if you become pregnant while taking AGENERASE.

Mothers with HIV should not breastfeed their infants because HIV in the breast milk can infect the infant.

What other medical conditions should I discuss with my doctor?
Talk to your doctor if you are pregnant or if you become pregnant while you are taking AGENERASE.

Also talk to your doctor if you have hemophilia or problems with your liver.

How should I store AGENERASE Capsules and Oral Solution?
AGENERASE Capsules and Oral Solution should be stored at room temperature and should not be refrigerated.

Other information:
This medication is prescribed for a particular condition. Do not use it for any other condition or give it to anybody else. Keep AGENERASE and all medicines out of the reach of children.

Ask a healthcare professional any questions you may have about AGENERASE.

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Four mentally challenged men and their disillusioned social worker share a communal house in **'The Boys Next Door.'** It's on stage at Neighborhood Playhouse through Oct. 10. Above are Patrick Wood, George Deavours and Keith Franklin. Telephone 404-373-5311.

MUSIC AT NOON Tue, 11:50 am: Free. Centennial Olympic Park. 404-222-PARK

television

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN Fri, 10 pm. Arty, disturbing movie with Steve Martin as a music salesman in the Depression. GPTV

SPACE GHOST COAST TO COAST Fri., 11:00 pm: Marvel at the only talk show host with super-powers! CARTOON

AMERICAN MUSIC SHOW Fri, 11 pm; also Sat 11:30 pm: RuPaul got his start here on America's longest-running cable access show. People TV, cable channel 12 or 24

DEAUNDRA PEEK'S TV SHOW Fri, 11:30 pm; also Sat 11 pm: People TV, cable channel 12 or 24

CHARLIE CHAN MARATHON! Sat, from 6 am. Honorable detective and number-one son in all-day crime-solving spree! AMC

THE CHILDREN'S HOUR Sat, 1 pm. Lesbian rumors run wild at a girl's school! TCM

CBTV Sat, 10 pm. Charlie Brown welcomes legends of Atlanta drag, including rock singer Diamond Lil. People TV, cable 12 or 24

BABY DOLL Sun, 1 pm. Tune in to hear the stunning young Carroll Baker whimper, "He left me here without a Coke in the house!" Southern melodrama by Tennessee Williams. AMC

MOUTH OF THE SOUTH LIVE! Mon, 2:30 pm. Peg's weekly cocktail party; taped live at the Metro on Mondays. This week: noted artist ARGE. People TV, cable channel 12 or 24

DEAD RINGER Mon, 12:30 pm. Bette Davis murders her overbearing twin, then takes over twin's life. Can she get away with it? AMC

THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL Tue, 9 pm; Wed, 1:30 am. Not all "ETs" are cute and cuddly. These invaders are vicious! AMC

WILL & GRACE Tue, 9:30 pm: Return of the hit about a gay man and his best friends—a straight girl, her do-nothing secretary and a big queen. WXIA

INDEPENDENT LENS Tue, 11 pm. A woman finds the face of Christ in a burnt tortilla. GPTV

DINNER AT 8 Wed, 8 am. Gay George Cukor directed this look at high-society intrigue. TCM

SOUTH PARK Wed, 10 pm. "Me, over here! You, over here!" COMEDY

WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF? Wed, 10:05 pm; Thur, 4:05 am. Boozing it up with Burton and Taylor. AMC

theater

JODIE'S BODY Mon & Tue only, 8 pm. Actress and playwright Aviva Jane Carlin stars in her solo play in which a woman poses nude for a drawing class as she recalls growing up in South Africa. Horizon Theatre Co, Euclid at Austin Aves. 404-584-7450

MURDER MOST ROMANTIC Closing Sat. Dinner and an interactive mystery, $33. Dave & Buster's, 2216 D&B Dr, Marietta. 770-951-5554

THE CRIPPLE OF INISHMAAN Closing Sun. By the author of "The Beauty Queen of Leenane." Produced by Theatre Gael. 14th St Playhouse. 404-876-9762

COMING ATTRACTIONS & BECOMING ATTRACTIVE Closing Sun Two plays based on Fannie Flagg's "Daisy Fay and the Miracle Man." 14th St Playhouse. 404-733-5000

SIX CHARACTERS IN SEARCH OF AN AUTHOR Closing Sun. Work by Nobel Prize winner Luigi Pirandello is considered a classic of the early 20th century. Synchronicity Performance Group. Horizon Theatre Co, Euclid at Austin Aves. 404-584-7450

RIVERDANCE Closing Sun. Atlanta Civic Center. 404-658-7159

THE BOYS NEXT DOOR Thru Oct 10. Four mentally challenged men live in a communal house with their disillusioned social worker. Neighborhood Playhouse, 430 W Trinity Place, Decatur. 404-373-5311

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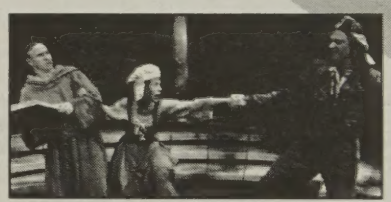

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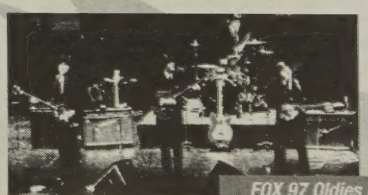

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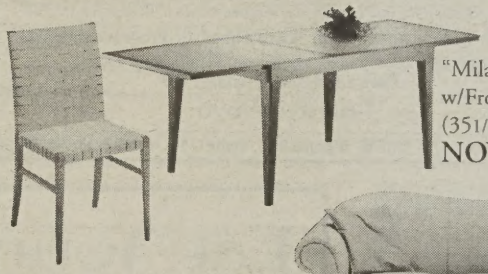

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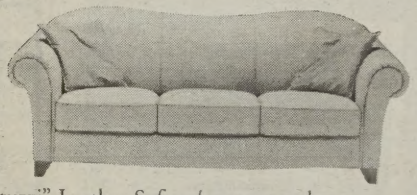

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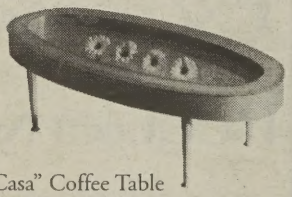

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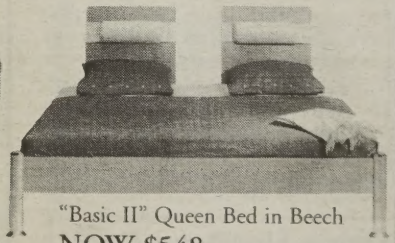

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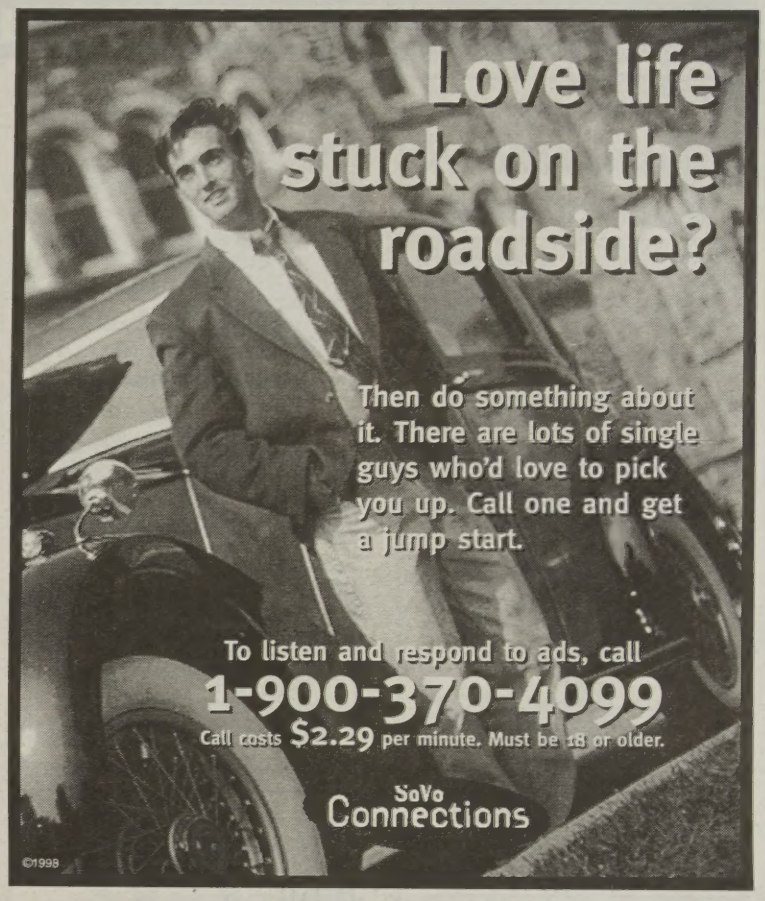
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Ms. Behavior

Common-sense advice on life and love

by MERYL COHN

Prude and lewd

Dear Ms. Behavior:

I live in a small town near a large city. When my hip, open, in-your-face dyke friends from the city come to visit, they think it's okay to sit in my front yard and make out, lounge on each other's laps and otherwise engage in overtly queer behavior in front of my straight neighbors.

When I ask my friends to exercise a little discretion, they oblige me, which lasts for 10 minutes, tops. One time I went in to refresh the margaritas and when I stepped back outside, Nicki and Jan were practically making porno videos on my lawn.

I don't live in the closet, and I'm proud of who I am. But I also choose not to flaunt. Other gay couples who live here feel the same way. What should I do about this, and why can't city girls with their downtown sensibilities respect the reserved, unhip, non-urban areas where millions of lesbians in America happen to live?

Miffed on Maple Lane

Though Ms. Behavior has never seen a terrier get it on with a St. Bernard, she personally knows thousands of horny lesbians, many of whom are too demure to say so.

Dear Miffed on Maple Lane:

How would you feel about straight friends sitting on each other's laps on your lawn? Ms. Behavior can't tell whether your freaked-out reaction to your dyke friends derives from internalized homophobia (the word "flaunt" is typically bandied about by Christian right-wingers, not suburban lesbians) or just a general aversion to public displays of affection.

When it comes to dykes, some people (even other lesbians) call public handholding "practically making porno videos," whereas others might reserve such a portrayal for mouth-to-genital contact. (Ms. Behavior herself saves such evocative description for activities involving penetration.)

If your friends still won't respect your wishes after another serious conversation or two, perhaps you need new friends. If that seems too harsh and you're not exaggerating or being a prude, consider building a high fence around your property so that no one can watch the lascivious lezzie licking that goes on.

Perhaps you can convince your lewd friends to help you construct the fence, as long as you offer them plenty of beer and snacks, as well as frequent breaks for sucking face. (The added benefit of a fence is that you'll be able to get a dog.) If a fence isn't an option, you'll have to socialize with your nasty friends on their turf, or move to a hipper, more gay-friendly area.

Are you getting any sex? Ms. Behavior has observed that lesbians who get muffed are less likely to be miffed (on Maple Lane).

Dear Ms. Behavior:

I am a gay man who can achieve orgasms without ejaculation. Am I the only one? Do I belong in a gay sideshow with the horny lesbian and the toy terrier that mounts and impregnates a St. Bernard? Help me know that I am not alone.

Bill

Dear Bill:

You are perfect just as you are. No, you're not the only man who can cum without ejaculating. When you feel funny about it, remember that neat freaks and compulsive hand washers probably adore you. And though Ms. Behavior has never seen a terrier get it on with a St. Bernard, she personally knows thousands of horny lesbians, many of whom are too demure to say so.

Dear Ms. Behavior:

I would appreciate it if you would include the following message in your column as a possible way to deal with the anonymous lesbian sex issue that a reader addressed recently:

To (Ready To) Partygirl and any other queer women who are interested in brainstorming to come up with solutions to the "I want casual sex but can't seem to find it" problem that plagues the queer girl scene: Let's get together and see if there are ways to change this tired old scene and make it more happening. Please e-mail me at torment66@hotmail.com.

Meryl Cohn is the author of "Do What I Say: Ms. Behavior's Guide to Gay and Lesbian Etiquette" (Houghton Mifflin, 1995). Address correspondence to: Ms. Behavior, c/o Southern Voice, 1095 Zonolite Road, Atlanta, GA 30306, or to msbehavior@aol.com.

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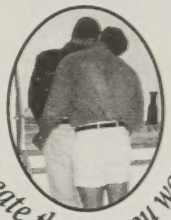

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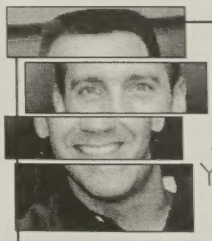

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Indigo Girls

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"Come On Now Social," the duo's seventh full-length Epic Records album, shows Saliers and Ray continuing to reach beyond the musical formula that has won them legions of devoted fans, first in their hometown of Atlanta and now around the world.

From 1989, when Indigo Girls' first album was released, the two have became known for an intelligent acoustic sound, with Ray's songs more rock-driven, Saliers' more introspective.

But this time out, it's Ray who offers the album's purest folk songs, evoking traditional mountain music and even bluegrass through banjo and mandolin on "Ozilline," which features a voice-over from Ozilline Walker, Ray's grandmother, and "Gone Again," a catchy feel-good tune with lyrics that will put a smile on the face of every fan who can't seem to quit falling in love.

Ray's edgier side still comes through on songs like "Faye Tucker," a Celtic-influenced response to the first woman executed in Texas since the Civil War, and "Go," an electric guitar-backed call to action that opens the CD.

"I think it's a natural progression—it doesn't feel like going out on a limb, although I feel it is the best record we've made," says Saliers, who shakes off her own folksy demeanor for "Trouble," one of the most driving tracks on "Come On Now Social."

"A song like 'Trouble' is probably the rockiest song I've ever written," she says. "I love rock music, I've just never been able to express myself as easily in a rock format as I have in ballad format, unless I'm playing electric guitar. So 'Trouble' is a good release for me."

"Trouble" breaks ground for Saliers thematically as well musically. While "It's Alright"— a track from Indigo Girls' last CD, 1997's "Shaming of the Sun"— shows Saliers speaking to people who "hate me 'cause I'm gay," "Trouble" goes much further, addressing specific gay rights issues.

With backing vocals from Joan Osborne, Saliers takes on anti-gay religious bigotry—"And when the clergy take a vote/ all the gays will pay again/ 'cause there's more than one kind of criminal white collar."

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"At some point, you've just got to say it," Saliers says of the duo's evolving outspokenness on gay rights issues. "It's such a part of our lives and there is still so much oppression where people are trying to deny gay people of just basic civil rights. ...

"It wasn't like when I set down to write that song, I decided I'm going to make a 'statement song,' and I'm going to talk about homosexuality and this and that and all the others," she continues.

"It's just that when I got into the song emotionally, I started thinking that one thing that really pisses me off is that the church—that is supposed to represent the teachings of Jesus Christ, who never said a word about homosexuals and whose teachings are about equality and loving each other, and doing unto others—and you have the institution of the church preventing homosexuals from becoming ministers to help and love people.

"It's just a perversion of the teachings to me, and so that makes me upset," Saliers says. "So when I'm writing the song, I get all worked up and I'm like, wait a minute, I feel this, too. And another thing—like that."

Another thing that upsets Saliers on "Trouble" is the lack of respect for gay and lesbian relationships, the fact that a girl can't "get a wife."

"I think gay people who make a commitment to each other and covenant ... is the same thing as a straight marriage, but it is important to get the legal protection and recognition," says Saliers, who describes her own partner of five years as "awesome." "This is not just a feel good, symbolic issue."

Listen beyond the last track on "Come On Now Social," and the same themes surface again in a simple but hauntingly beautiful song about "the philosophy of loss" that floats at the end of the album.

"Modern scribes write and Jesus cries, and everyone is free / And the doors open wide to all straight men and women / But they are not open to me," Saliers sings.

Being so open may have cost Indigo Girls support from the music industry along the way, Saliers acknowledges.

"I think it probably does hurt us in some ways, and turns some people off, and there is some homophobia in the business," she says. "But we have a great career, and we have great fans, both straight and gay, men and women, young people and older people.

"So even though maybe being so socially active and political may have held us back in some ways, it's just really the only way we know how to live, and I would like to thank the fans who stick with us. It all gets so serious sometimes, but a lot of it is also just to have a good time."

'These are such catchwords—'activism' and 'politics.' They mean different things to different people. To me it is just all about love, about trying to spread love in a broken world.'—Indigo Girls' Emily Saliers (left)

Indeed, Indigo Girls have done the opposite of "selling out"—the duo has become more politically involved and outspoken with each successive album. Along with gay and lesbian rights, "Come On Now Social" also addresses the death penalty, women's rights, ageism, apathy, and other issues.

While the CD still includes plenty of songs focused on love and the simple joy of family and friends—Saliers cites "injustice and love" as the two most common themes for her songs—will Indigo Girls one day reach a point where they leave behind the music to become full-time activists?

"I don't want to do that. I think that you can do both, and I don't want our music to just be purely activist music," Saliers says. "Because I think that's limited, and these are such catchwords—'activism' and 'politics.' They mean different things to different people. To me it is just all about love, about trying to spread love in a broken world."

And for Saliers and Ray—a duo that's been making music together longer than many of us have been able to make even romantic relationships last—that love also means offering each other the freedom to experiment and grow away from the group.

Both have long had their own outside projects, from Ray's Daemon Records label to Saliers' partnership in Watershed, a restaurant in Decatur.

Now they're working on separate musical projects as well. Saliers sang with Vonda Shepard on the hit "Baby Don't You Break My Heart Slow," while Ray has announced plans to record a solo album.

But Saliers is quick to quell any fears that Indigo Girls might consider breaking up.

"We still love playing together, we love this record, and we love our new band, and we love each other," she says, laughing. "Amy's a great person, and if we want to do separate things, that just fuels us further creatively, and we're both for that. I think we've reached a mature stage in our relationship."

Indigo Girls' next path will take them on tour around the U.S. this fall, including a show in Athens on Oct. 22 and an as-of-yet unannounced date at The Tabernacle in Atlanta in December.

Michael Feinstein

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Feinstein recognized this as such as rare privilege that "I would have paid *them*, actually!"

"I ended up becoming Ira's eyes and ears to the outside world, his representative when somebody wanted to do a Gershwin show of any kind. He taught me most of what I know about singing these songs. It was an amazing time," Feinstein said.

And the Gershwins, not surprisingly, had an amazing guest list that included the likes of Lauren Bacall and director Vincente Minnelli.

Liza became Feinstein's entrée into the rarefied world of the super-famous, throwing a glamorous party at the Mondrian, the L.A. hotel where Feinstein entertained. Suddenly, the young piano man from Columbus was singing for the likes of Elizabeth Taylor, Gregory Peck, Joan Collins and Melissa Manchester.

"It was a terrifying night for me. It was the kind of party that, if it hadn't been thrown for me, I certainly would not have been invited to!" A booking on Merv Griffin's talk show followed; the next year, Liza fêted Feinstein again, this time at New York's Algonquin Hotel.

Since his first album, "Pure Gershwin," in 1985, Feinstein has averaged better than one album per year, spotlighting the works of legendary composers like Jerry Herman, Irving Berlin, and Jule Styne. Two discs earned Grammy Award nominations.

In 1988, Feinstein ventured onstage alone and had a hit with his one-man show "Isn't it Romantic: Michael Feinstein in Concert." His 18th CD is due out this month: "Big City Rhythms" is an album of contemporary swing recorded with the Maynard Ferguson Big Band.

Feinstein said he had no big coming-out moment, in spite of a certain national magazine's portrayal to the contrary.

"The funny thing is I never came out. I was who I was. When I was growing up in Columbus, I can't say I was out. But when I

Michael Feinstein

moved to L.A., life was so different there. It was the first time I'd been in a community where people were so comfortably and openly gay," he said.

"Even working for the Gershwins—they'd had gay friends all their lives. I remember one day Mrs. Gershwin saying, 'I know that you're gay, and it's okay.' I said, 'Oh, thank you.' It was as simple as that. It meant nothing to them.

"Then the *Advocate* did an interview with me. They said, 'We want to do a thing about you coming out.' I said, 'I'm not coming out. There's no place to come out from.' When the magazine came out, I was on the cover, and it said, 'Piano Man Comes Out.' I felt really irritated because I realized they had done that just to create some kind of publicity to sell magazines. A lot of people think I came out at that point. But anybody who knows me knew that I was already out."

Despite being out, Feinstein guards his privacy. He lives, he said, in New York and Los Angeles "with a couple of dogs and a couple of people." He has a partner who "likes to be out of the limelight." The men have been together for more than two years.

Anyone who's managed to miss the news that Feinstein is out and proud will surely get the message when, just one day after his Rialto show, the pianist performs at the Human Rights Campaign's Washington, D.C. dinner. Feinstein is composing a special song "about the continuum of one person standing up for their rights, and how that creates a ripple effect. It's based on a speech Robert Kennedy made in South Africa many years ago."

Just three days before Feinstein plays the Rialto, he plans to see a long-held dream come true with the debut of his own nightclub, Feinstein's at the Regency, in the Park Avenue hotel that's the flagship of the Loews chain. Rosemary Clooney will open the 150-seat room with a two-week run. Feinstein settles in for a one-month engagement on Oct. 19.

"The thing that inspired me was that there aren't a whole lot of glamorous nightclubs in New York anymore. I wanted to create a place where people can come to work who normally wouldn't work in a nightclub," he said.

Busy Feinstein even coaxed Ann-Margaret to return to singing after a seven-year hiatus. The legendary sex-pot recorded the song that opens and closes the movie "Get Bruce," for which Feinstein wrote the score. (He also appears in the documentary about celebrity joke-writer and *Advocate* columnist Bruce Vilanch, which opens this year's "Out on Film" festival at AMC Phipps Plaza 14 on Oct. 7 at 8 p.m.)

Feinstein's next goal is to persuade Ann-Margaret to sign up for a gig at his club.

Noting that the history of some venerable New York hot spots is marred by prejudice, Feinstein insisted his new club will be "a place for everybody." He recalled an anecdote about the celebrated Stork Club, where comedian George Jessel showed up one night with the lovely young Lena Horne.

"The maître d' was visibility shocked that the famous comedian was bringing a black woman with him. He nervously looked down and said, 'In whose name was the reservation made?' And Jessel looked him straight in the eye and said, 'Abraham Lincoln' and they were immediately ushered in," Feinstein said.

The Rialto concert is titled "An evening of American popular song with a special salute to George Gershwin." Accompanying Feinstein will be Joe Gransden, trumpet/flugelhorn; Billy Hatcher, guitar/banjo; Jeff Kersner, percussion; Billy Puett, reeds; and Neil Starke, bass.

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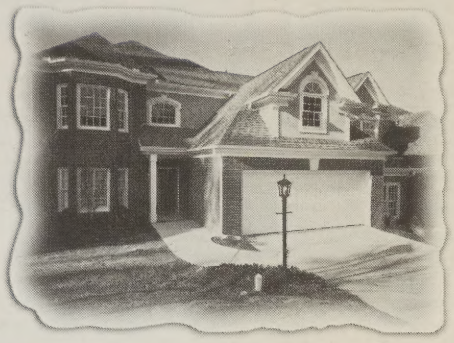

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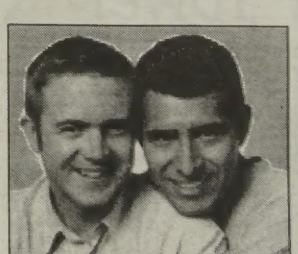

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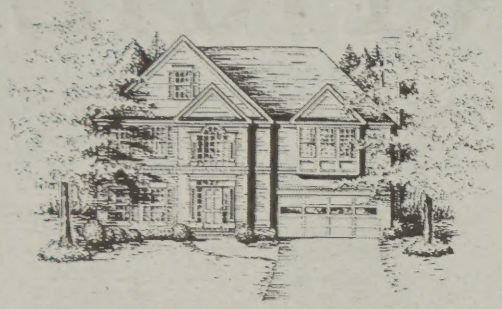

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Here's Diana Ross at JFK International in New York. She was detained at London's Heathrow after allegedly grabbing a security guard's breast.

Last week Diana Ross overcame the lackluster reviews of her new CD and made headlines the old-fashion way: she got arrested. The details (if you missed them, you must not have spoken to a single gay person in a week) are as follows. Ross was rushing to board the Concorde at London's Heathrow airport when a female security guard reportedly touched her breast during a search. Ross reacted with virago-like fury, touching the officer's breast and saying, "How do you like it?" She then stormed off to the VIP lounge, telling reporters, "I'm absolutely furious. Do you know when they search you, they actually touch your breast? It's disgraceful. They wouldn't touch a man's penis, would they?" She boarded the jet but was taken off, in tears, by police. Later she was cautioned about the alleged assault and released, Reuters reported.

Dish, not surprisingly, is 100 percent behind Ross. First of all, the diva was wearing a skintight body suit, meaning it would be almost impossible for her to conceal anything on her person. And second, does anyone believe Ross would blow up the Concorde? Wouldn't that be an incredibly stupid thing for a fabulously wealthy icon to do?

But there is one odd aspect to the story that didn't get picked up in most of the reports we saw—this wasn't Ross' first high-profile tit-grab. At the recent "MTV Music Awards," rapper L'il Kim appeared on stage in a bodysuit with her left breast exposed for all to see, with only a "pasty" hiding her nipple. Ross walked out, gave the audience a reaction shot as if to say, "these kids today!" then cupped Kim's naked breast in view of millions! Perhaps Boss Ross' flacks had to concoct the airport fracas when the MTV grab didn't snatch enough press for the diva.

Sable gets smacked

Playboy must redesign and reprint 500,000 copies of its Oct. 19 newsstand edition as a result of a judge's ruling last week. U.S. District Judge Loretta A. Preska said she would issue a temporary restraining order forcing the redesign of the issue featuring nude photos of Rena Mero, the former World Wrestling Federation women's champion known as Sable. The new issue will delete references to Mero as "Sable," which the WWF has claimed is a trademark name. The gorgeous blond quit the WWF in June and filed a $110 million lawsuit against her former employers, alleging they tried to force her to participate in a lesbian story line, show her breasts on TV and appear in sexually degrading photos. (A secret settlement was later reached.) "We were very disappointed with the judge's ruling," said the skin mag's lawyer of the recent ruling.

Meanwhile, the WWF continues to shock the unshockable: On this week's "Raw is War," the villainess Ivory fought two women in their 70s in an "evening gown" match. (The winner must rip off the loser's gown.) The elderly Mae Young was stripped to her bra and panties, but the Fabulous Moolah laid a big smack down on Ivory, ripping her gown to shreds. What will they think of next? We're almost afraid to ask.

Laying odds—on laying Ricky

They say some folks will bet on anything, and here's proof. The *New York Post's* "Page Six" reports that the cyber-gambling site Wireless Flash is laying 6-1 odds that the "La Vida Loca" boy will come out as gay by the end of the year. The Costa Rica-based site is also taking bets on whether Hillary will dump the Prez (3-1), Pamela Anderson will brush off Tommy Lee by next May (even), Warren Beatty will take the Dem's presidential nomination (40-1), and Leonardo DiCaprio will overdose on drugs within a year (9-5). (Prove 'em wrong, Leo! Prove 'em wrong!)

High rent rolls drag palace

Reuters reports that London's top drag club, Madame Jo Jo's, is scheduled to close by year's end. The culprit isn't lack of business or fame—the hot spot's faithful include supermodel Kate Moss and sexy singer Robbie Williams, and it's featured in Stanley Kubrick's "Eyes Wide Shut"—but rather skyrocketing rents in the SoHo entertainment district. (Midtown clubs, take note.) It's last show, "Bump Bump Burlesque," is scheduled to run seven nights a week until Dec. 23, when the joint goes dark. Pity.

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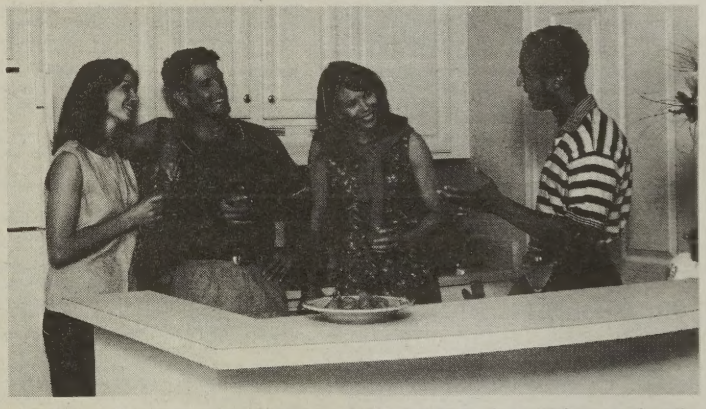

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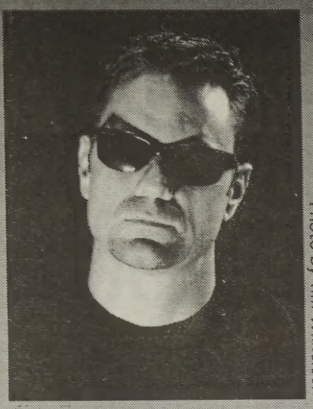
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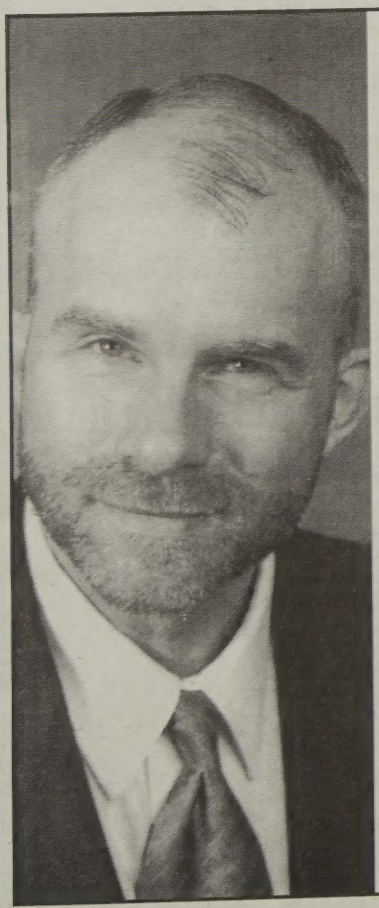

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Georgia Advocates for Battered Women & Children/ Lesbian Task Force–404-524-3847, or toll-free 1-800-643-1212; 250 GA Ave. SE, Rm. 365, Atl. 30312–a statewide coalition working to end the violence against women & children.

Georgia Equality Project–POB 78351, Atl. 30357-2351–404-872-3600 vm

Georgia Log Cabin Republicans–Typically meet the first Thurs. of every month at 7 p.m. in the Club Room at The Grand, 75 14th Street Call 770-521-8315 to confirm date and for details.

Georgia Stonewall Democrats–Jamie Higgins, 770-908-0915

Hate Crimes Hot Line–(877) STOP HATE

Human Rights Campaign–Atlanta–POB 78401, Atl 30357, 770-840-6969 (vm)

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Lesbian Avengers–770-798-7742

Libertarian Party of Georgia–Politically homeless? Are you an economic conservative and social liberal? For an informative brochure call 404-888-9468

National Organization for Women–404-875-0176

National Organization for Women/Atlanta Chapter–828 W. Peachtree, 30309–404-872-9983

National Organization for Women/Georgia–404-378-7186 Out Front–POB 12369, Atlanta 30355

REFUSE & RESIST!/ATL-Part of a national anti-repression organization. "It's All One Attack!"–404-239-8054

Republicans for Individual Freedoms–PO 13162, Atl, GA 30324, 404-239-1679–gay republicans fighting "homophobia" in Republican party & fighting Republiphobia" in the gay community.

Socialist Worker's Party–404-724-9759–803 Peachtree St. NE Atlanta, 30308

Straight But Not Narrow–POB 71202, Marietta 30007. 770-242-2256 –Straight people working in coalition w/ l/g/b/t people. We believe in fairness & equality & the power to make positive change. Call for info on volunteer opportunities.

National

Elton John AIDS Foundation–P.O. Box 17139, Beverly Hills, CA 90209-3139, www.ejaf.org

Gay/Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation–POB 78707, Atl., 30357-2707–404-876-1398 –GLAADATL@aol.com, www.glaad.org. Promotes fair, accurate, & inclusive representation of individuals & events in all media as a means of combating homophobia & all forms of discrimination based on sexual orientation or identity.

Gay & Lesbian National Hotline–Mon-Fri, 6-10pm; Sat noon-5pm EST. 1-888-THE-GLNH (843-4564)

Human Rights Campaign–1011 14th St. NW, Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20005, 202-628-4160

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund–Atlanta office: 404-897-1880–1447 Peachtree St., Suite 1004, Atl., 30309

National Gay & Lesbian Task Force–1517 U. Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20009, 202-332-6483

Old Lesbians Organizing for Change–OLOC, POB 980422, Houston, TX 77098

Professional

American Express GLOBE–770-417-3347–An employee network.

Atlanta Executive Network (AEN)–POB 77267 Atl. 30357-1267– 404-724-9008–Atlanta's largest business & professional group. 6pm third Thursday. Members $10. Guests $20.

Bar Owner's Assn–POB 15114, Atl. 30333-0114

CDC/ATSDR GLOBE–Centers for Disease Control gay, lesbian or bisexual employees group. 404-639-5173 or 404-639-2058

Community Network for Counseling Psychology & Social Work–770-596-0109

Emory GLOBAL–Gay, lesbian & bisexual faculty & students.–404-727-6692

Fourth Tuesday–A lesbian social and networking assoc. Meets monthly. 770-662-4353

Gay/Lesbian Postal Employees Network (G/L PEN)–POB 580397, Minneapolis, MN 55458-0397

GA Association of Physicians for Human Rights (GAPHR)–404-231-2251

Georgia Group of Groups (GaGOG)–A coalition of L/G/B/T employee groups and supporters networking to provide council, info., resources, and support to its various member organizations and the community. Call Kirby Frank at 404-872-0252 kfrank@us.ibm.com

GLOBES–POB 7864, Athens, GA 30604–706-546-4611–Gay, lesbian, or bisexual employees & supporters at UGA for faculty, staff & graduate students.

GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian, Straight Educators Network)–POB 14892 Atl., GA 30324–404-872-4320

Greater Atlanta Business Coalition–Promotes & encourages economic development & growth of businesses in the lesbian & gay community. 404-377-4258

Greater Atlanta Federal GLOBE–An association for gay, lesbian, bisexual federal employees–404-524-1067

Eagle for IBM Employees–Diversity Network Group for IBM employees with the mission to create a safe and open environment for l/g/b/t employees. Call Kirby Frank at 404-872-0252 kfrank@us.ibm.com

League Atlanta, Inc.–POB 7784, Atl.GA 30357– 404-810-7916 –Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay & Transgendered United Employees at AT&T –an educational support group for active and retired employees at AT&T.

National Gay Pilots Association–POB 27542, Washington, D.C. 20038-7542, 703-660-3852

Stonewall Bar Association of Georgia, Inc.– Georgia's voice for gay, lesbian & bi attorneys & legal professionals–POB 7708, Atl., GA 30357–404-621-4663

TurnOut–A professional, social and support network for L/B/G/T employees of Turner Broadcasting. 404-885-4799

Womyn in the North Suburbs (WINS)-A social group for professional womyn in the northern suburbs, but all women welcome. 770-350-0485

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AA&Al-Anon, Gay/Lesbian Group–404-881-9188, regular group 404-685-9040

ADODI Muse-An outsider's collective-for black, gay, male writers. c/o Malik M.L. Williams, POB 92097, Atl., GA 30314

APLBTN (Asian Pacific Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Network)–A social organization for Asian & Pacific Islander queer women in Atlanta. Meetings every 1st Sun. of the month, social events every 3rd weekend of the month. E-mail: jkim12@emory.edu. web page at: http://userwww.service.emory.edu/~jkim12/apiqxx/homepage2.html

African-American Chubs and Chasers–Floyd Mack, POB 896, Atlanta, GA 30301-0896–For overweight gay black men and gay black men who prefer large partners.

American Educational Gender Info Service –POB 33724, Decatur 30033– 404-939-0244 (eve)–nonprofit organization providing support for transgendered persons (transsexuals, crossdressers) referrals, information, support group. Confidential.

Athens Lesbian Information–LSG, POB 7864, Athens, 30604–monthly potluck; weekly drop in, local restaurant; biking, hiking, camping; monthly newsletter w/ details. 706-546-4611

Atlanta Corporal Punishment Club–Box 7185, Atlanta 30357, 404-237-2480 or 404-892-1904. acpcinl@mindspring.com

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Atlanta Gay & Lesbian Center–Since 1976. 71 12th St. 404-876-5372. Helpline–404-892-0661–Community info by voice menu 24 hours, plus routine or crisis counseling by trained volunteers from 6-11 pm daily. "Virtual Center" website: www.aglc.org

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Atlanta Gay & Lesbian Visitors Center– www.altgaylesvisit.w1.com

The Atlanta Gay Straight Alliance–Outreach to educate and improve understanding and quality of relationships among the gay and straight communities. 404-378-7210

Atlanta Gender Explorations-POB 77562, Atlanta 30357–404-223-5351–Open support/social group for transgendered/transsexuals. Confidential.

Atlanta Girth & Mirth–A men's club for big men and their admirers, parties and social events. Write us at Atlanta G & M POB 98405, Atlanta, GA 30359. (770) 663-7041

Atlanta Lambda Center–828 W. Peachtree Suite 207 Atlanta, GA30308. e-mail: atlambda@aol.com 404-881-1985

Atlanta Lesbian Cancer Initiative –A support group for lesbians with cancer and their partners. 404-872-2220.

Atlanta Prime Timers–2480-4 Briarcliff Rd. #226, Atlanta, GA 30329-3034—770-441-5573. Chapter of international support organization for gay & bisexual men over 40.

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Black & White Men Together–404-892-BWMT

Black Lesbians w/ Children–404-378-4135

Boyz of Distinction–POB 78091, Atlanta 30532

Caregivers to PWAs Support Group–404-874-1109 or 875-6109

Carrollton Gay Community Newsletter–POB 2416, Carrollton, GA 30117.

Closet Space–support, advocacy, information, networking & education to the gay, lesbian & bisexual community of middle Georgia. POB 368, Bonaire GA 31005-0368.

Codependents Anonymous/Lambda Group–404-239-1657

Consciousness Raising & Support Group for Women in Politics & Grassroots Organizing–404-636-7435
Creative Spirit Support Group–Creative support group for women based on The Artist's Way. 404-378-3503
The Darwin Club (A non-Prophet Organization)–We are a social network for Atheist and Agnostic lesbians.For information call: 404-230-2815 (after 7pm)
Digital Queers/Atlanta–4DQAtlanta @aol.com–Digital Queers is a National organization devoted to computer & support for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender people. It also supports these people working in the computer industry. 828 W. Peachtree St. Suite 207, Atl 30308
Disabled Lesbian Support Group–Second Mon. of each month. Meet us for a meal & discuss issues pertaining to being disabled. 770-270-9618
Dykes on Bykes–Social/service group for lesbian motorcyclists– 770-931-3362.
Emotions Anonymous–Northside Hospital at 8 pm-Fri.–Johnson Ferry Rd. & P'tree Dunwoody–770-925-4825–12 step group for people who feel that they have any emotional difficulties. Meetings worldwide.
The Experience in Atlanta–Workshops, community events, graduate activities, volunteer opportunities. Judith Johnson, City/Area Coordinator, or Van English, Deputy City/Area Coordinator, 404-294-9781. National office, 800-966-3896
Feminist Women's Health Center–A safe supportive setting, providing gynecological svcs. especially for lesbians, with female practitioners and health workers. 404-874-7551.
First City Network, Inc.–Nonprofit org. for lesbians & gays. Hosts social events, comm. edu. forums, advocacy, info. 912-236-CITY or FCN, Box 2442, Savannah, GA 31402.
Fourth Tuesday of GA, Inc.–1385 Oxford Rd. #801, Atl., 30307–770-662-4353–A networking organization w/ social, recreational, edu. & prof. activities for all lesbians.
Funny...That Way!–Gay/lesbian/bi youth drama program. Free workshops. 404-893-3344
GAPHR's Support Group for HIV+ Dentists-Phys.–404-501-0001
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Gay Information Hotline–One FREE call gets you up-to-date info on Gay and Lesbian Resorts. Nightclubs, Bars, Events and Businesses within a 20 mile radius of your calling location. 1-888-GAYINFO (1-888-429-4630)
Gay & Lesbian Parents Unite–770-663-4328
Gay/LesbianTask Force to the Public Safety Community of City Council–404-330-6504
Genesis—Support group for married & divorced men addressing their sexual orientation. Mondays 7:00pm at St. Mark United Methodist Church, 5th & Peachtree St. Call Pat at 404-233-2841
Gen-X Bears–The international Network of Younger Bears ages 18-35, but open to all. Ga. Chapter, www.mindspring.com/~genxbears/, 404-627-8805. Meets 2nd Sun. www.genxbears.org or grantpark@mindspring.com.
Georgia Psychological Association Division H: Psychology and Human Sexual Orientations–404-351-9555
Greater Atlanta Naturist Group (GANG)–Celebrating 13 years as a non-profit social club for gay nudists. Brochure, membership info, call 404-876-3064, or write POB 7546, Atlanta, 30357
Interact of Atlanta–770-477-3998
John Howell Park Project–404-876-0105
Lambda Car Club–POB 11705, Atlanta 30355, 770-901-9447–Social group for men & women interested in collectible & special interest automobiles. Monthly events include shows, tours, rallies & more.
Lambda Group/Narcotics Anonymous–404-708-3219
Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund–Atlanta office: 404-897-1880–1447 Peachtree St., Ste 1004, Atl., 30309
Latinos En Acción–404-621-5743
Les Amies–Social club for African American lesbians over 50, meets every third Saturday, varied social events throughout the month. Call 404-351-3468
Lesbian & Gay Parents Association of Atlanta–12,460 Crabapple Rd. Ste. 202-195, Alpharetta, GA 30201– 770-416-4746
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Low-Cost Psychotherapy Services–provided by experienced clinicians in private-practice setting at Metropolitan Psychotherapy Community Clinic, a nonprofit organization.–404-321-4954, ext. 8.
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Men of Little 5 Points–POB 5425, Atlanta 31107, 404-521-1817–+social & service club for gay men in the greater L5P area.
Northeast GA Mountain Family Gatherings–706-864-3229
Overeaters Anonymous (gay/lesbian group)–404-377-9565
(P-FLAG)—Parents & Family & Friends of Lesbians & Gays
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P-FLAG/**Athens**–706-742-9511
P-FLAG/**Atlanta**–404-875-9440, POB 8482, Atlanta 30306
P-FLAG/**Chattanooga**–423-875-5750 or 423-622-3813
P-FLAG/**Dahlonega**–N. GA Mountains–706-864-5874 or 706-864-1333 (Dah. Counseling Ctr).
P-FLAG/**Southside**–404-691-4729
Panther L/L, Inc.–POB 191286, Atlanta 31119-1286–One of Atlanta's most active leather/levi clubs. A nonprofit international social org. dedicated to comm. svc. 404/728-0109
Positive Black Lesbians United (PBLU)– POB 655, Avondale Estates, GA 30002. 404-250-7950 – positive lesbians of color exchanging powerful, productive & educational ways of dealing w/ our everyday challenges.
Pride for Asian Youth (PAY)–A social/support group for g/l/b Asian-American youth.–5302 Buford Hwy., Suite B-3, Doraville, GA 30340–Contact Jennifer at 404-371-0572 email: jkim@emory.edu.
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The Rainbow Project—Ending violence in our relationships. For info, call 404-635-9418.
Second Sunday-A social, educational, spiritual group for men of African descent who are in the life.–404-325-7321
Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN)–Helps men & women hurt by the military's gay ban. Call (202) 328-FAIR for confidential counseling.
Sexual Compulsives Anonymous–404-239-8048
Single Lesbians Considering Parenting–404-373-8692
Sisters of 30 Something Special–404-997-6240
The Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian and Gay Issues– Division 44 of the Amer. Psych. Assoc.–404-378-3106
Southern Bears, Inc.–POB 13964, Atlanta 30324–4 04-908-3381
Steel City Centurions–A social club for men and women–leather Levi/Bears. POB 130938, Birmingham, AL 35123, SCC4ME@aol.com, 205-320-1127
Trikone–South Asian Gay & Lesbian Organization– 404-892-0475–Meets 2nd Sat. each month at 5pm.
Uniformed Services Activity–Box 6057, Arlington, VA 22206
Valor–A social organization for African Americans "In the Life" and "In the Closet." For more information please call 404-674-1582. Discretion is the better part of valor.
The Wilde Writers–A gay and lesbian writers group that meets every other Wed. Call Michael at 404-325-5487
Women's Resource Center–404-688-9436 (WRC)–free, confidential supportive services for battered lesbians. 24-hour crisis line, support group, legal advocacy, shelter.
Womyn In the North Suburbs (WINS)-A social group for professional womyn in the Cobb, Cherokee, N. Fulton areas, 30-40+, ex Winkers welcome-770-479-0384
WOW ATL-GA–A lesbian social group for Womyn of West Atlanta/West Ga. living or working on the WestSide. 770-443-8796 or WOWATLGA@aol.com
Young Adult Support Group–Atlanta Gay Center. 63 12th St.–876-5372–For younger gays & lesbians 14-24. Free of charge; Thurs: 6:30-8pm.
Young Lesbian/Bisexual Women Support Group– Prof. led, safe environment. L5P area. Call 404-577-5526
YouthPride–An organization serving the needs of Atlanta's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and questioning youth and young adults; 404-223-6780 for information. Located at 1394 McLendon at the corner of Oakdale. info@youthpride.org or www.youthpride.org
YouthPride Helpline–Support, information and referrals for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and questioning youth and young adults. Thurs & Fri, 6pm–10pm–404-223-6789
Zami–POB 2502, Decatur, GA 30031–404-370-1392 –Support-discussion group for African-Amer. lesbians. Meets 2nd & 4th Sun. from 6:30-8:30pm.

Spiritual

Abundant Grace Community Church–743 Virginia Ave., N.E. 30306–404- 815-0036–Independent Christian church serving the gay & lesbian community of Atl. Services Sun. 7 p.m.
All Saints Metropolitan Community Church–957 N. Highland Ave. 404-296-9822–Sun. morning svcs at 11 a.m. In-town church for Atlanta's lesbian and gay community.
American Apostolic Catholic Church–Parish of St. Mary's Dormition –Come worship God in your diversity. 2429 Woodacres Rd., Atl., 30345. Svcs. Sun. 9 a.m. 404-982-0265
Atlanta Church of Religious Science–1700 Commerce Dr., Bldg. C, Suite 100, Atl., 30318 404-355-3767–We see & use the thread of truth that runs through all great religious teachings.
Blessed Damien of Molokai, EACA (Evangelical Anglican Church in America)–POB 183, Fayetteville, GA 30214.—Providing pastoral care and ministry to the inclusive community south of Hartsfield Airport. An accepting, affirming Christian-faith community celebrating spiritual and cultural diversity in human experience, reason and arts. Call 770-460-5797 for liturgy schedule and general info.
Catholic Shrine of Immaculate Conception–A welcoming community of diverse Christians seeking spiritual growth and providing compassionate outreach. Sun. 8:30 & 11:30 am. 48 MLK Dr. 404-521-1866
Christ Covenant MCC–109 Hibernia Ave. Decatur, GA 30030, 404-373-2933–Christian community accepting & celebrating spiritual & cultural diversity in human experience, reason & art.
Circle of Grace Community Church–404-624-1140–Atl. Friends Meeting House, 701 W. Howard Ave., Decatur–A Christian feminist worshipping community, where all are welcome. Services are on Sun. 6pm.
Circle of Love Fellowship–778 Ray Rd., Suite 108 (Memorial Bend Office Park)–770 469-6419–A spiritually-based interdominational ministry of the gay/les/bi/trans community to all people of color and non-color. Sun. worship at 10 am.
Clifton Presbyterian Church–404-373-3253
Congregation Bet Haverim (Jewish)–770-642-3467–POB 309 Decatur, GA 30031-0309– http://www.mindspring.com/~cbh–a Reconstructionist Synagogue serving the lesbian & gay community.
Disciples of Trinity MCC–307 E. Harris Street, Troop Square. Services Sun. 6:30 pm.
Dignity/Atlanta–770-409-0203–POB 14342, Atl. 30324 –Gay & Lesbian Catholics who provide spiritual support.
Ecumencial Catholic Church–404-315-6544–POB 3191 Decatur 30031-A part of Independent Catholic tradition serving all of God's children regardless of gender, race, sexual orientation, or marital status. Mass schedule: Sat. 5:30pm at VA-Highland Baptist Church (in the basement Chapel), 743 Virginia Ave., Atl. Informal Christian Education occurs Wed. evening at the Rectory.
Family of God MCC–Columbus, GA–706-321-9202 –Worship svcs 6:30 pm Sun. at the Unitarian Church, 1442 Double Churches Rd.

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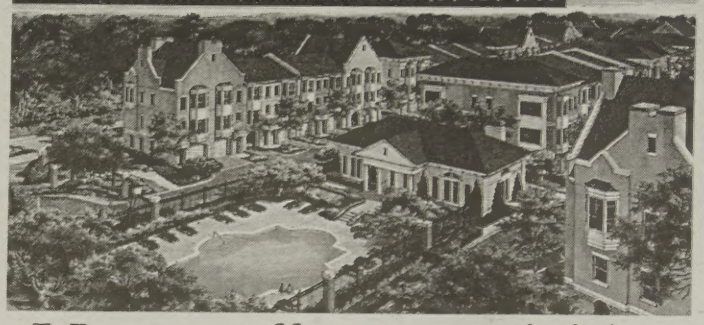

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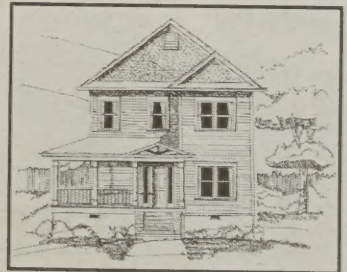

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First Existentialist Congregation of Atl– 404-378-5570–celebrating human liberation & diversity for over 21 years w/respect for individual beliefs.

First Metropolitan Community Church of Atl–404-325-4143– Christian church serving the gay & lesbian comm., their families, & friends since 1972. Seven cell groups, including one in Rome.

Free Bible Study by Correspondence–Send name and address to: Bible Study, POB 15066, Atl., GA 30333

Friends for Lesbian & Gay Concerns (Quakers)–404-872-9682

Gay Spirit Visions–An open and inclusive spiritual space for gay men. Monthly potlucks, organized retreats, speakers and other events designed to connect men and re-energize spirit. P.O. Box 339, Decatur, GA 30031. gayspirit@ mindspring.com, http://gayspirit.home.mindspring.com 404-292-1965

Gentle Spirit Christian Church–An independent gay Christian church serving the gay/lesbian/bi/trans community. Worship svcs Sun 7pm, 1561 McLendon Ave., NE, 404-522-1444 or gscc@iname.com.

Georgia for Religious Freedom–POB 88750 Atl., 30356 –404-351-7034–A nondenominational, nonpartisan community organization dedicated to preserving the religious liberties & freedoms of all Americans.

Georgia Mountains Unitarian/Universalist Church–439 So. Park St., Dahlonega–706- 864-0661

Grant Park Aldersgate United Methodist Church–404-627-6221; 575 Boulevard SE, Atl.

Grace Spirit Christian Church-1561 McLendon Ave., NE.-404-522-1444.

Integrity (Episcopal)–770-642-3183

Interweave/Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atl.–404-634-5134–G/L/B Unit. Univ. & others interested in spiritual development within a liberal, non-creedal atmosphere.

Lutherans Concerned/Atlanta–404-636-7109

Mormons: Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Latter Day Saints of Atl– 404-244-9576–A social-support organization (non-church affiliated) is forming to provide fellowship, encouragement & monthly interactions for g/l/b mormons, their family & friends.

Morningside Presbyterian Church–Services 11am, Sun. School 9:45am. 1411 N. Morningside Dr., NE, Atl. 30306. 404-876-7396

New Age Gays–770-434-7338

Oakhurst Presbyterian Church–404-378-6284

Our Hope Metropolitan Community Church-Atehna Room, Holiday Inn, 197 E. Broad St., Athens, 706-202-3723. E-Mail ourhope@gateway.net.

Pilgrimage United Church of Christ–A caring congregation that is open and affirming of g/l/b/t people. Sunday worship 10 am. Church school: 11:15 am. 3755 Sandy Plains Rd., Marietta, GA. (770) 971-0007

Presbyterians for Gay and Lesbian Concerns–Building an inclusive church for all God's people. Meets 2nd Sun. at 3 pm, call Victor Floyd at 404-633-6530 or RUVIC@aol.com

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OPEN HOUSE: BURT ROBERTS

New construction can be intown and affordable

by MATT MONTGOMERY

This September, Burt Roberts threw a joint birthday party and a housewarming.

"One of my goals was to have a house by the time I turned 35," he said. In preparation for this, Roberts began house hunting in January. Mainly concerned with affordability, he began looking at homes in his price range and was disappointed at the prospects. Then serendipity intervened.

He was looking at a new house in Ormewood Park, while his real estate agent, standing in the front yard, met the builder. Three days later Roberts was signing a contract with the builder.

And the five-month building process began.

Calling the traditional two-story home, his "big little house," Roberts said that by keeping the house small and within his builder's parameter, he met his two requirements—an affordable new house in town.

The two-story façade and high ceiling gives the impression that the house is bigger than it is. Once inside, a guest finds a spacious great room and functional kitchen.

Choosing from a group of floor plans, he picked one with a few modifications. He planned on living alone, but when his friend Bobby Hamill needed a place to live, he gained an upstairs roommate.

Roberts, who has lived in Atlanta for seven years, moved from Louisville, Ky., where he had created window treatments and had been cutting hair. He has worked for Van Michaels Salon in Virginia Highland since arriving in the city. Prior to his house hunting in Ormewood Park, he had spent a good deal of time in East Atlanta Village.

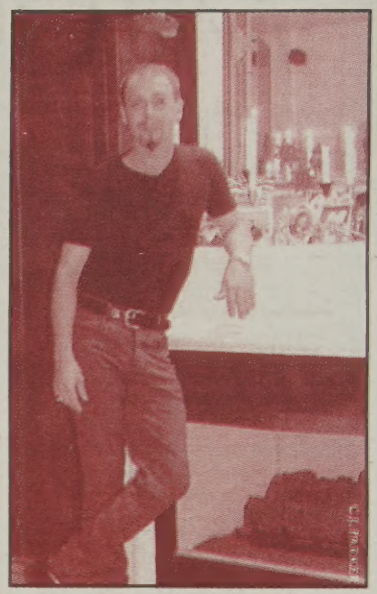
"I love being near the Zoo," he said, noting that visiting keeps him "focused and peaceful."

In addition to the shiny newness of the house, it has ample protection from evil spirits. Roberts has extended his interest in gargoyles, the guardians against evil, and the Gothic motif into his decorating, including lots of candles and statues. He notes that his interest in all things Goth began in high school in Kentucky when he donned all-black outfits and black eye-liner.

"They didn't like it, but I was going to be whoever I wanted to be and no one was going to stop me," he said.

Red velvet high back chairs with brass tacks sit ceremoniously around a glass top table that sits atop an ornate column top stained with a suitably brownish murky color. Iron candle holders and an iron wine rack maintain the motif while also being functional space-savers.

A cherry-stained entertainment center and corner shelves soften the tone of all the iron accessories with a more traditional look, while also hiding Roberts electronics fetish.



Burt Roberts' new home proves that home buyers can find an affordable place intown.

"The best thing about my house is that I can listen to my music as loud as I want," he said.

And he means it. Tasteful little Bose

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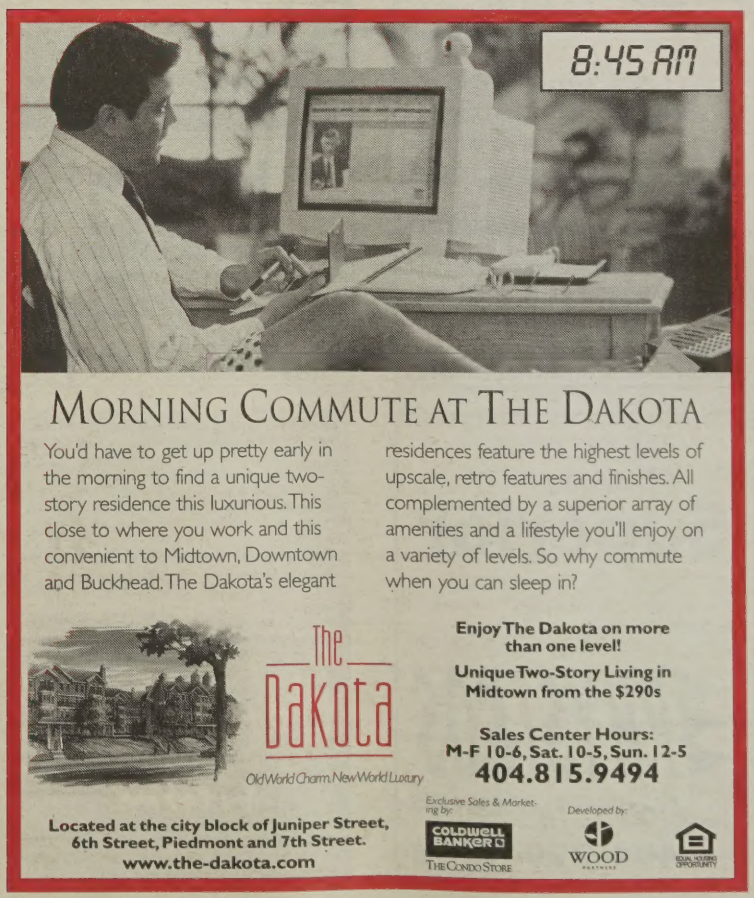

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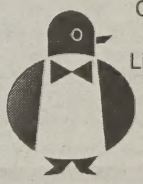

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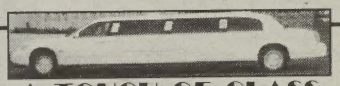

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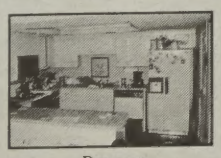

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by DARLENE DRURY

Nailing the perfect floor

Hardwood floors are the ultimate in flooring for the main areas of a home.

Old farmhouses can contain heart pine floors sometimes 12 inches wide that have the most incredible patina and color. But the most common wood floors in recent times are either white or red oak. Installation of tongue and groove floors is a multi-step process that takes several days, so expect your life and home to be disrupted for at least a minimum of a week.

The flooring should be bought about one week ahead of time and delivered to your home so the wood has a chance to acclimate to the interior of your home. If you decide to skip this step, be prepared for either buckling at the seams from the wood absorbing moisture or large seams appearing between the boards because the wood dried out.

If you intend to hand nail the flooring, pre-drill the holes, since trying to drive a nail through hardwood flooring is close to impossible. If you choose to rent a power flooring nailer, you will have to pre-drill and hand nail the first two or three rows of flooring by hand.

The tongue of the board should be pointing away from the wall so you can nail it correctly. Each subsequent row will be tightened against the previous row by the action of nailing. Sometimes wood flooring can be fairly uncooperative, so keep a small piece of flooring around so you can place it on the edge of the board giving you trouble and bang it into submission with a hammer or a plastic-tipped mallet.

Do not hammer the edge of the flooring without this buffer because any damage to the edges of the flooring will show up as bad workmanship when you finish. Continue nailing the boards until the floor is complete. You will have to top the last row and set the nails so the holes can be filled prior to sanding. Wear tennis shoes that are free of grit and grime during installation so the new boards are not damaged.

There are pre-finished hardwood floors available. They are more expensive than unfinished, but there is a great deal of time saved in not having to apply a finish. There are many colors and types of wood available. Pre-finished wood floors are generally glued into place so the finish is not harmed by a hammer.

If you like water skiing, you will probably love hardwood floor finishing. Controlling the heavy floor sander is a bit like being dragged around behind a ski boat. If you are a novice, this may not be quite so much fun. Keep the drum sander moving at all times while the drum is turning. Holding it still will sand a rut in the spot where the drum spins.

If you like water skiing, you will probably love hardwood floor finishing.

The floor should be sanded first with coarse grit paper (the smaller the descriptive number on the sanding sheets, the coarser the grit) and then successively with finer and finer grit paper until the surface is very smooth. The edges of the floor will require an edger, since the drum sander will not reach the last two inches or so.

Vacuum between sanding stages. Wear only the cleanest of non-scuffing shoes or stocking feet while walking on the sanded floor. Water or anything else will cause damage to the floor and require at a minimum another full sanding, at which point a really big fit is warranted. Once all of the sanding is done, prepare to finish.

If you wish to alter the color or tone of the wood floors, staining should be done next. Apply your chosen stain by the recommended method and allow to dry. Apply a durable finish over the stain.

Pick your finish carefully, keeping in mind a few pointers. Polyurethane has been used for several years and is a very durable finish if applied properly and in multiple coats. It is a spirit-based product that stinks and it takes a while to dry. It changes the color of the wood floor, usually adding a yellowish cast or darkening the wood.

There are water-based products available that require sealing the floor, buffing and applying at least two coats of finish. These products do not darken or change the natural color of the wood, smell mostly like ammonia, dry quickly and are low maintenance.

Taking care of the floor is easy. Sweep regularly, as grit is the main cause of floor finish failures. Likewise, don't slide furniture over the floor unless you put those carpet-bottomed floor protectors under the legs of the furniture. When cleaning is needed, use the product recommended by the finish manufacturer. If you get the overwhelming urge to mop, use only a damp mop and a non-abrasive, no rinse floor cleaning product.

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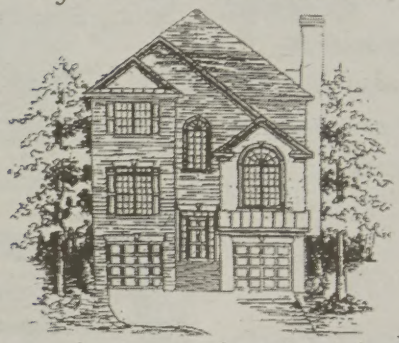

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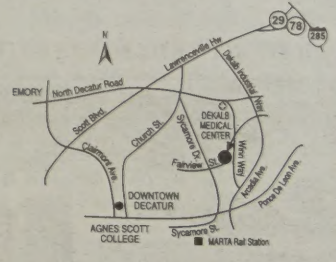

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speakers are hidden among silk greenery and mounted over the couch for surround sound. There are actually four televisions in the house, including one mounted in his bedroom. An avid fan of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," he notes that beginning in October he'll be at home in front of the tube on Tuesday nights.

A pair of curvaceous antique gilded mirrors hang on both sides of a print of a gargoyle statue coming to life. The windows are covered with white faux wood plantation shutters. The guest bathroom, painted a shade of red called "Sizzling Hot," also serves as a gallery of gargoyles. The statuettes sit on sconces and wall mounts, creating a mini-homage to their place as guardians against evil spirits.

Burt Roberts shares his newly built Ormewood Park home with roommate Bobby Hamill.

The kitchen is a shiny white with chrome handles and has all new appliances, of course. Roberts makes the best use of the slender and long space, but keeps it clean and uncluttered. Plenty of overhead storage keeps everything hidden while the countertop merely sports a few chrome accessories. The hardwood floors seem to be made of a compilation of woods with many different tones.

The centerpiece of the living room is a fireplace that includes an unusually large mantel shelf space that really works as an extra display space. Roberts has filled the space with pictures of friends.

Hamill, Roberts' roommate, lives in the big "family" room upstairs that has a step-down creating the appearance of two separate spaces. He works as a sales representative for Corian, the countertop fabricator, and has a home office in the space.

Even though he hasn't quite gotten used to having to care for his own lawn, Roberts enjoys the life of a homeowner. And he turned 35 last week.

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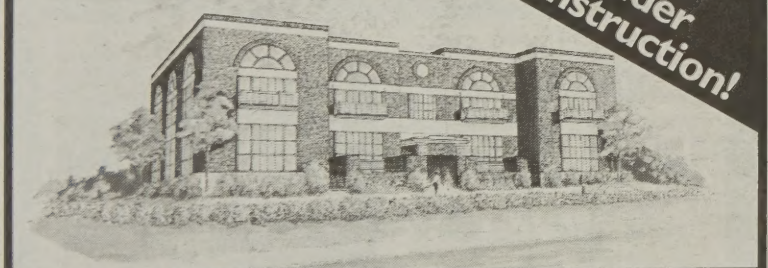

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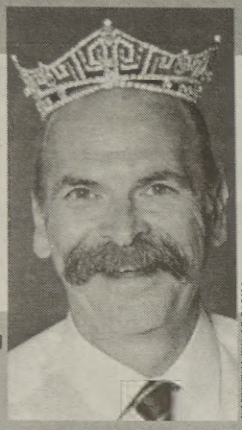

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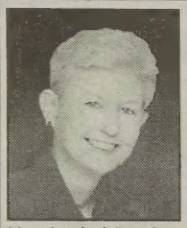

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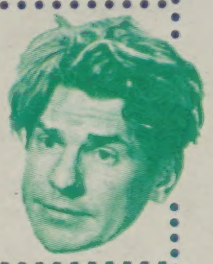

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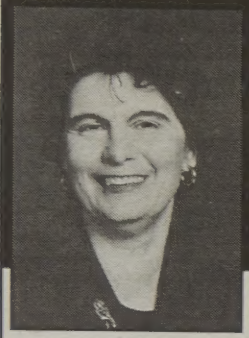

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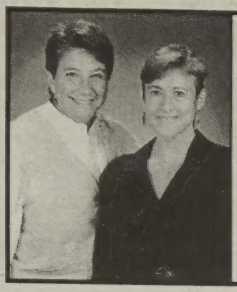

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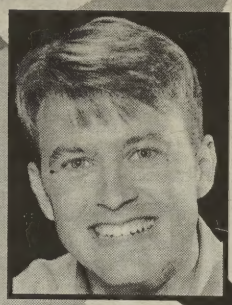

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Stone Mountain professional GBM seeks roommate. 3BR/2BA home, $450/month includes utilities. No smoking/drugs, need phone, transportation, references. 770-981-3703.

Smyrna - GWM, N/S, seeking roommate to share 2BR/2BA condo, W/D, swim, tennis. Near Cumberland, I-285, I-75, $350/month plus 1/2 utilities. 770-433-0675.

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Lenox Road- GWM seeks responsible, nonsmoking GWM/GBM for nice, large 3BR/2BA apt. $350 plus share of utilities. 404-949-0521.

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Men Seeking Men

VERY OUTGOING...
SM, 25, 5'2", likes pizza, hamburgers, traveling. Seeking energetic, outgoing, sweet, kind WM, similar age, blond/blue a plus, 6'2"+, for friendship first, possibly more. ☎1112

STOCKY GUY
GBM, 29, 6'3", 300lbs, very masculine, enjoys homelife, movies, dining out, baking. Seeking same in good-hearted, honest, dependable flexible guy, 29-50, top man (like myself), for friendship, possible relationship. ☎1126

HANDSOME GWM ....
31, 5'8", 155lbs, brown/blue, in excellent shape, D/D-free, seeks athletic GWM, 30-45, N/S, for dating and fun. No games. ☎1127

LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE
Very good-looking, very attractive GWM, 25, 5'11", 165lbs, brown/blue, seeks GWM, 25-37. ☎4003

SON SEEKING
GWM, 30, 5'11", 130lbs, seeks all-American, clean-cut, ruggedly handsome, masculine, real man, for married LTR. ☎4130

SOUTHERN BOY
Energetic, friendly SBM, 6'1", 195lbs, enjoys travel, horseback riding. Seeking polite, friendly SM, 21-45, N/S, N/Drugs, with similar interests. ☎1027

SEEKING BIG GUY
SM, enjoys movies, bars. Seeking very attractive. large, caring, romantic, outgoing SWM, 30-40, who enjoys quality time at home. ☎1039

INTERRACIAL LOVE
GBM, 6'1", 165lbs, enjoys reading, dancing, movies, quiet evenings at home. Seeking hot GWM, for fun, friendship, possibly more. ☎1061

RELOCATED TO ATLANTA
Hairy, tan, handsome SM, 5'8", stocky build, new to area, enjoys travel. Seeking stable SPM, for fun times together. Show me around. ☎1074

BLACK BROTHER FROM BROOKLYN
Down-to-earth, sincere, quiet, healthy, light-skinned SBM, 30, 6', 155lbs, enjoys movies. Seeking similar, real brother. ☎1076

BLACK & HONEST?
WM bottom, 35, smoker, business owner, enjoys movies, music, pets. Seeking honest, good-looking, employed BM top, for intimate LTR. Occasional drinker ok. ☎1087

ATTRACTIVE, MASCULINE...
Latin, 36, 5'10", black/dark, goatee, HIV+, very toned. Seeks sincere, honest male, 32-42, H/W proportionate 5'9"+, with sense of humor, who can be affectionate/a friend, enjoys travel, dancing, cuddling,romance.☎1053

SEARCHING
For someone special. SWM, 26, easygoing, mature, down-to-earth, enjoys dining out, movies, exercising. Seeking SWM with similar interests. ☎1052

245-KARAT SOLID GOLD
Very attractive, well-groomed, femme GWM, 6', 205lbs, frosted/hazel, very sincere, affectionate, relationship-oriented. Seeking SBM top to cuddle with, for monogamous relationship. ☎1106

FULL OF LIFE
Down-to-earth, attractive GWM, 43, 6', 170lbs, HIV+, healthy, fun-loving, honest, loves gardening, billiards, dining, movies. Seeking attractive, intelligent male, similar age/interests, HIV+, sense of humor a must. ☎1094

MONOGAMOUS?
Kind, compassionate GWPM, 5'11", 180lbs, H/W proportionate. loves life, enjoys movies, cooking, C&W dancing. Seeking male with similar interests, for serious monogamous relationship. ☎1115

BUSY BUT NOT A BARRIER
Intelligent GWPM, 31, 5'5", 125lbs, blond/blue, N/S, doesn't take himself too seriously, seeks GWPM, 28-38, with similar qualities. Let's laugh at life together. ☎1054

Been Glanced?

9/21/99 N.DRUID HILLS...
road, green jeep behind black Grand Am. You: Bleach blonde guy, 20s. Me in front of you in Grand am, had to run late for appointment. Diner and conversation. ☎1099

9/16 TARA PARKING LOT
You: white Honda Civic. Me: blue Honda Accord. Said you were coming home from gym and were hungry and horny. Dinner? ☎1091

MARINES AT PRIDE
If you saw him/them, you'd remember. If you took pictures of hot men wearing shorts, Marines T-shirts, call. Mine were stolen, need your help in replacing them. ☎4535

14TH ST WOLF CAMERA
Saturday afternoon, 8/28. Do opposites attract? You: small, friendly guy with great smile. Me: large, with goatee, focused on digital cameras. I felt an attraction, did you? ☎4540

AMOCO-NORTHSIDE/
Hemphill, Tuesday, August 24th, 6:00PM. You: brown hair, Trooper, dog. Me: silver hair, Wrangler, loud alarm. Coffee or something? ☎4419

RICH'S N. DEKALB
8/25/99-Saw you twice. Tall woman, long, gray hair, pink shirt, blue slacks. Great 'tude. Me: white blouse, beige skirt, rude stare. You looked back. Single? ☎4418

HOEDOWNS 8/11 10PM
You: top, jeans, blue t, with friend, obviously interested, dark hair, about 5'9", hairy! Seen each other before. Me: bottom, green shorts, blue tank. ☎4348

PNUT IN A BLACK JEEP
At intersection of Piedmont, Monroe. You had two labs in back. I was in silver Boxster. I think you noticed car but missed me. Would like to meet. ☎4349

DAVID— OUTFIELDER...
for the Atlanta Pride. There's a bartender at La Buzz who would like to get to know you. ☎4189

HONEST PROFESSIONAL
Sensual WM, 37, 5'9", 170lbs, D/D-free, red/brown, nice guy. Seeking similar for monogamous LTR. Likes: travel, mountains, great conversation. Willing to work for a committed relationship. ☎4534

FUN-LOVING
Attractive GBM, 33, 5'9", 165lbs, HIV+, enjoys romance, time together. Seeks attractive GBM, 30-45, HIV+, for friendship, possibly more. ☎4428

SEEKING ASIAN MAN
WM, 6'2", 239lbs, brown/brown, seeks slim Bi/GAM, 25-40, for friendship fun and dating. I live out of town. Let's get together. ☎2939

LONELY AT LIGHTS OUT?
GWPM, 39, 6', 180lbs, brown/green, conservative by day, seeks GWPM, similar age/build, man enough to break a sweat. High-profile community involvement a plus! Let's date first. ☎4307

POSITIVELY YOURS
GBM, 38, 5'10", 140lbs, HIV+, attractive, hazel eyes, wavy hair, light-skinned, enjoy bowling, movies, music, chilling at home. Seeking top males, 30-42, for friendship, LTR. ☎4343

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Well-built, down-to-earth SWM, 6'4", brown/brown, ex-military, enjoys movies, music. Seeking intelligent, energetic, easygoing, outspoken SM; good conversationalist. ☎1048

GBM SEEKS LOVE
GBM, 6'2", 210lbs, nice build, enjoys singing, acting. Seeking LTR with easygoing, fun, adventurous, open GWM. ☎1068

MOUNTAIN MAN
Recently single GWM, 6'4", 190lbs, 40s, enjoys travel, outdoors, old cars, old movies, country music. Seeking "real" and sincere man, age/race unimportant. ☎1056

GWM SEEKS GBM
Versatile GWM, 42, 6', 175lbs, actor, performer, fun guy, avid kisser. Seeks sweet, slim, masculine GBM, 35-55ish, for good times. ☎1050

ARE YOU A ROMANTIC?
WM, 44, 5'10", 180lbs, brown/hazel, clean-cut, high energy, spontaneous, youthful, sincere, likes outdoors, walks on the beach, mountains. Would like to meet the same. ☎4600

WHY NOT...
try it?? GWM, 6'2", 195lbs, brown/green, good-looking, well-built, great attitude, into home, friends, adventure. Seeking same for dates, mate, possible LTR. HIV+. ☎1100

HANDSOME & HIV+
Very clean-cut, versatile WPCM, 43 (looks 35), 5'11", 160lbs,N/S, in good health, mostly bottom, enjoys bowling, country dancing, tv at home, cooking in/dining out. Seeking W/HM, under 50. ☎1004

NO B.S.
Masculine, intelligent, athletic, healthy GWM, 45, 6', 175lbs, top, brown/blue, hairy, goatee, seeks similar, non substance abusing male 25-45, for fun or relationship. HIV+ okay. ☎1002

ATYPICAL
Masculine WPM 38 year-old, 6', 185lbs, black/brown, introvert, grad student, likes books, travel, engaging conversation. Seeking masculine, intelligent, affectionate GWM, under 40, N/S, N/Drugs. ☎4541

MR. RIGHT
GWPM, 31, 6', 180lbs, healthy, HIV+, bottom, with swimmer's build, enjoys movies, reading, rollerblading. Seeking intelligent, honest, attractive guy for dating, friendship, more. ☎4421

NEW ENGLAND NATIVE
GWM, 26, 5'9", 155lbs, dirty blond/hazel, HIV-, intelligent, sensitive, masculine, graduate student. Seeking similar, 18-26, race open, for companionship/mutual sexual gratification. ☎4351

NEW GUY IN TOWN
Genuine, fun-loving, intelligent GM, who enjoys books, movies, arts and outdoors, seeks same, 30-40, for friendship, dating and more. ☎4353

SERIOUS BROTHERS ONLY
Attractive, healthy, masculine GBM, 37, 185lbs, bottom, seeks GBM who enjoys quality times, movies, quiet evenings, for friendship, LTR. ☎4304

ALPHA MALE SEEKS...
compatible, somewhat submissive male, possible LTR. Me: GWM, 27, 5'2", 110lbs, balding/deep brown, fit, enjoys church activities, cycling, reading, romance. You: 25-35, fit, spiritual, intellectual. ☎4306

EASYGOING & ATTRACTIVE
Laid-back and handsome GWM, 26, 5'11", 170lbs, brown/brown, enjoys music, concerts, sense of humor, outdoors, desserts and java, seeks similar GWM, 22-30. ☎4228

WHERE ARE YOU?
WM seeks BM, 18-50, for master/slave relationship. Must know your roll as master. Give it a try. Serious calls only. ☎4230

NEW TO ATLANTA
Handsome, funny, stable GBM, 27, 5'9", solid 230lbs, enjoys movies, concerts, music, walking. Seeking down-to-earth, secure, stable GM, 27-40, to show me Atlanta and then see what happens. ☎4227

100% PURE FEMME
Intelligent, mature, honest GB femme, 27, HIV+, tall, thick build, enjoys movies, music, reading, not into club scene. Seeks stable, honest, mature male, for friendship, more. ☎4225

SEARCHING FOR MR RIGHT
SM, enjoys singing, dancing, swimming, bicycling, quiet evenings. Seeking SWM, 18-30, for dating, LTR. I believe in honesty, trust and understanding. Not into games. ☎1037

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT
Attractive, lean, athletic GWPM, 41, 5'8", 140lbs, D/D-free, two sons with me every other weekend, seeks healthy, fit GWPM, 33-41, with children, devoted father. ☎4474

HOPELESS ROMANTIC
Very sincere, honest GM, 27, 5'9", 180lbs, HIV-, seeks sincere, honest, attractive man, 18-34, for LTR. ☎4537

BLACK TOP WANTED
Retired white gentleman seeks weekday activity partners. Don't be shy. Call today. Whatever your needs or desires, satisfaction is guaranteed. ☎4426

LOOKING FOR FUN DATE
GWPM, 45, 5'11", 200lbs, brown-gray/blue, witty, versatile top, passionate, good-looking, work hard, play hard, need someone to share dining, conversation, laughs, movies, bowling, cards, music, etc. ☎4427

LOOKING FOR ME
Good-natured GWM, 35, 6'3", 170lbs, brown/blue, HIV+, enjoys life. Seeking similar in Banks County area, for fun, dating. Will answer all! ☎4311

BIGGER IS BETTER
Handsome, GWM, 52 looks younger, brown/blue, 5'9", 175lbs. Cute bottom, seeks aggressive top, HIV-. ☎4347

BLUBBER LOVER
GBM, 48, 5'9", 160lbs, seeks Atlanta's super chubbies, with giant-sized pectoral breasts, large jelly bellies. 60" to 80" waist only. All ages/races welcome. ☎1896

10K EVERYDAY
Very athletic, very healthy GWM, 43, 5'8", 165lbs, top, HIV+, runs and lifts weights everyday, seeks serious dating/monogamous LTR. ☎3245

SOUL SEARCHING
Christian GWM, 40, 5'7", 150lbs, enjoys spirituality, exercise, walks, outdoors, yoga, music, life's beauty. If sunsets/waterfalls make you smile, let's talk? Seeking similar, 32-49. ☎3714

LIFEMATE
Very attractive, masculine, successful, secure, romantic SGWM, 40-something, top, seeks attractive, younger, relationship-minded GWM, bottom, to take care of. Serious only. ☎2001

MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL
Young-looking, affectionate, versatile GWPM, 57, 5'9", 145lbs, gray/blue, N/S, enjoys arts, outdoors, travel. Seeking H/W proportionate GWPM, any age, for friendship, possible monogamous LTR. ☎4424

MASCULINE/ SUBURBAN
Muscular, attractive, successful GM, 44, 6', 175lbs, gym-body, brown/blue, enjoys sports, travel. Seeking masculine, college educated, clean-shaven GM, 34-44, interested in dating, possible LTR. ☎4420

THE KIND YOU TAKE...
home to mother, but please don't. GWM, 40, HIV+, attractive, honest, versatile. Seeking stable GWM, 30-45, N/Drugs, for fun, more. ☎4312

NEW TO THE SCENE
Young, athletic GWM, blond/blue, love movies, music, and dancing, country boy with big city dreams. Looking for a friend, more. ☎4423

GJM SEEKS LOVE, MORE
Me: Mensch, 44, 5'8", 280lbs, black/blue. You: good-hearted mensch, 18-48, for friendship or life together. Contact me, you might be surprised! ☎4341

BLACK ON BLACK
Outgoing GBM, young 43, 6'3", 195lbs, HIV+, black/brown, enjoys outdoors, and spending quality time with someone. Seeking GBM, 30-45, neat appearance, for friendship/possible relationship. ☎4342

PICK ME, MR. MONOGAMOUS
Attractive, cute GWM, early 40s, 5'11", 180lbs, brown-haired, medium build, HIV-, upbeat, happy, outgoing, funny. Seeking someone, 35-55, to love, be loved by, lifetime together. Serious inquiries only, LTR. ☎4310

LOOKING FOR LOVE
GWM, 42, 5'3", 155lbs, tanned, healthy, HIV-, bottom, likes theater, movies, outdoors, music, reading, exercise, church. Seeking BM, 40-45, HIV-, masculine, top. ☎4350

FRESH, FRESH START
Very active SBF, 38, enjoys Falcons football, hiking, working out. Seeking serious, physically active SF, N/S, moderate drinker, for LTR. ☎1034

NEW GIRL IN TOWN
Sincere, athletic, fun GPF seeks same, 25-30, to enjoy outdoors, arts, and political chats. For friendship first & maybe more! ☎4352

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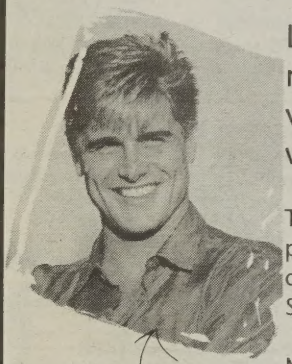

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NEW TO ATLANTA AREA
Slim, athletic GWF, 22, N/S, light drinker, degree, enjoys sweater sports, animals, literature. Seeking slim, athletic, GF, 22-32, similar interests, friendship first, possible LTR. ☎1097

ONE OF THE FEW GOOD WOMEN
Attractive, feminine GWPF, 41, N/S, enjoys quiet dinners, outdoors, good conversation, movies, tennis, golf, art. Seeking similar GWPF, 30-45, N/S. ☎1045

SEXY & ADVENTUROUS
Spiritual femme, student, full-time mom, seeks aggressive, honest, caring, loving femme/stud, with great sense of humor, for friendship first. ☎1040

SEEKING FRIENDSHIP
Very understanding, attractive, intelligent, down-to-earth, brown-eyed GBF, 5'7", soft butch, enjoys movies. Seeking very understanding, caring, honest, intelligent, independent, laid-back, financially/emotionally stable, petite GBF. ☎1084

SOMEONE TO WATCH OVER ME
Warm, witty, attractive, romantic, professional, monogamous GWF, 40-something, spirited yet gentle, enjoys cooking, old jazz, pets, reading, nesting, movies. Seeking similar. ☎1055

KNOW WHAT I WANT
Emotionally/financially stable, romantic GWPF, 32, loves beaches, belly laughs, long talks, good books. Seeking intelligent professional, 30s, adventurous soul, for LTR. ☎4422

LOOKING FOR YOU
Honest, sincere GWF, 42, into music, dancing, quiet evenings. Seeking GWF, 38-47, with same interests. No games. ☎1049

FIRST TIME AD
Physically fit GWF, 40s, enjoys outdoors, biking, hiking, one-one-one conversation, movies. Seeking non-smoker, 40-55, for friendship, LTR. ☎4538

PLEASURE-SEEKING BOTTOM?
I'm you're top. Adventurous, passionate, hot-blooded SGWF, soft butch, seek SGF with zest for life, ready to have fun. N/Drugs, no bisexuals. ☎4187

LIPSTICK SEEMS SAME...
to share the finer things in life, friendship, and possible romance. Must be honest, D/D-free. ☎4539

INTERPERSONAL GROWTH
Intelligent, attractive GWPF, 40, fit, spiritual, enjoys film, art, music, dining, travel. Seeking feminine, attractive, professional GWF, sense of integrity, into spiritual growth. N/S. ☎4305

MAKING A WISH
Very feminine GWF, 23, blonde-brown/hazel, enjoys movies and all types of music. Seeking spontaneous, romantic, soft-butch GF, under 30, similar interests. ☎4129

PASSIONATE & QUIET
GWF, 40, N/D, stocky, dark-skinned/salt-n-pepper hair, likes music, animals, home improvement. Seeking SF, 35-50, for friendship. Decatur/Virginia Highlands/ Midtown. ☎4069

ROMANTIC NEWCOMER
Outgoing GWPF, 37, with passion for life, enjoys dining out, shopping, beaches, the outdoors, more. Seeking same for friendship first, hopefully more. Age unimportant. ☎4188

LOVE IS A...
two person miracle. Sincere, easygoing, sensitive, attractive, feminine GWF, 37, seek GF to explore that possibility. Enjoy nature, bookstores, quiet evenings, travel, culture. Seeking soulmate for LTR. ☎4229

NATURE SPIRIT
GF artist, soft-butch, late 40s, enjoys drumming, music, hiking, sitting by mountain streams. Seeking loving, free-spirited femme for friendship, LTR. ☎4226

DIFFERENT
Feminine, attractive GWPF, 30s, very fit, seeks feminine GWF, 28-42, prefer honest, H/W proportionate N/S. Interests include: nature, arts, music, and quiet times. ☎4224

SOULMATE NEEDED
GWF, loves music, the beach, and lots of excitement. Seeking like-minded soul, 37-47, who's fun-loving, intelligent and good-looking. ☎4425

Just Friends

COUPLE SEEKS FRIENDS
GM couple, 51 and 58, in NE Georgia, seeks GM, 50-60, for friendship. Interests: dining, travel. ☎1085

SEEKING FRIENDSHIP
Gay couple, 40s, in Gwinnett, seek friendship only with gay/lesbian couples. We enjoy pets, gardens, computers, etc. ☎1003

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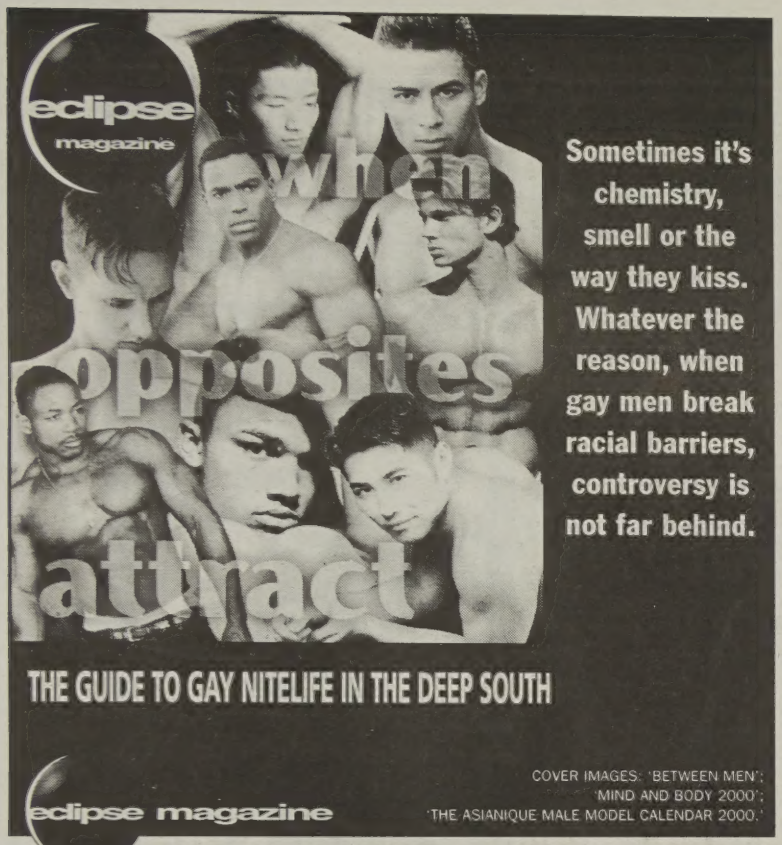
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My Stars

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Sept. 30 - Oct. 6

Get ready for your shining moment. The glorious Sun changes signs from conservative Virgo to diplomatic Libra, heralding in a month long period of new, optimistic energy. Go with the affirming flow as the Sun generates victories for all of us.

ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)
Gay Rams need not put on an act around partners. The Sun forces you to deal with the reality of the situation. Be yourself and things fall into place. But if the place happens to be backstage, I'd reevaluate the deal.

TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)
Stress eases and exercise or dietary changes can be implemented successfully. In fact, any onerous, detailed task goes decidedly well now. It's obviously no time to be lazy, so stop smelling the flowers and get into action.

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)
Dip into your most creative wells and see what spurts. Chances are you may gush with aptitude. Even some calculated risk may pay off, but remember the old adage: Bears and bulls make money, but little piggies lose their shirts.

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)
Gay Crabs are tempted to shut out the world, but perhaps you'll decide to invite a few compadres so you don't get totally bored. Take heart that any family issues can be resolved to your satisfaction now. Mutual respect is the goal of the day.

LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23)
Dramatic and proud Lions roar with attitude. Every raucous opinion seems to hit the target in a delightful yet effective manner. How about crafting the ultimate gay manifesto and taking it to the streets? Time is a wasting.

VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)
Financial issues are handled more effectively and the ability to make beneficial decisions is sharper. Perhaps it's just a matter of seeking the right advisor or asking the right questions. Whatever the heck it is, cash in on it while the planetary energy is strong.

LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)
Gather your rosebuds and get out there to strut your stuff. Begin brash new projects, plant seeds of wild ideas and meet many new people. You make an excellent first impression. Leave the dishes and dusting to the drones. It's time to go to the ball and impress.

SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)
Sun in Libra casts a warm, affirming light on any intuitive or self-sacrificing endeavor. But don't spend your time contemplating your navel. Good gay deeds now reap good gay karma. And we can always use a bit of good gay karma.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)
Friends gather and enable the *bon temps* to roll. Become social director. You have a superb opportunity to make amends for all the unintentional foul remarks you made only last week. Who said the planets don't have a sense of humor?

CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)
Although your professional life may be zig-zagging out of control, help is on the way. Try to score a few professional points now in preparation for your grand ascent to the first class cabin, but please remember to think kindly of those of us in steerage.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)
The Sun in Libra enables all jolly Aqueerians to expand their horizons through study. Whatever you decide to do, make sure that it's designed to educate you with clarity of thought and purpose. Don't waste this enlightening opportunity on deck.

PISCES (FEB. 20 - MARCH 20)
Rainbow Fish are lured into hot and steamy sexcapades. The Sun boils the pot and you join the spicy stew. Personal psychological breakthroughs are also possible, so if your sex life is overcooked, you need not go hungry. There is always spiritual nourishment.

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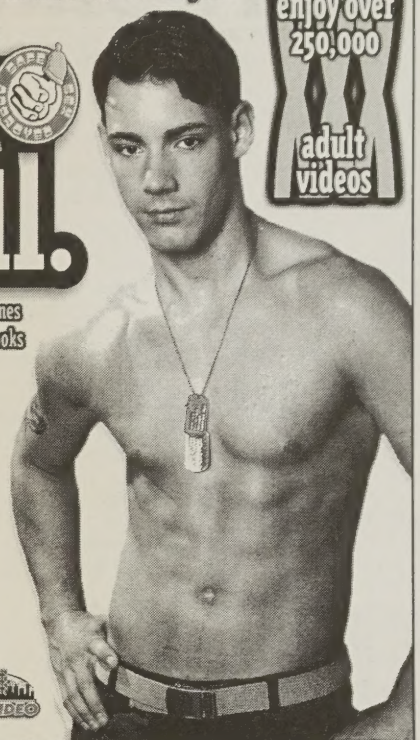

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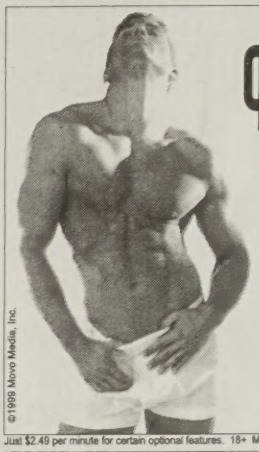

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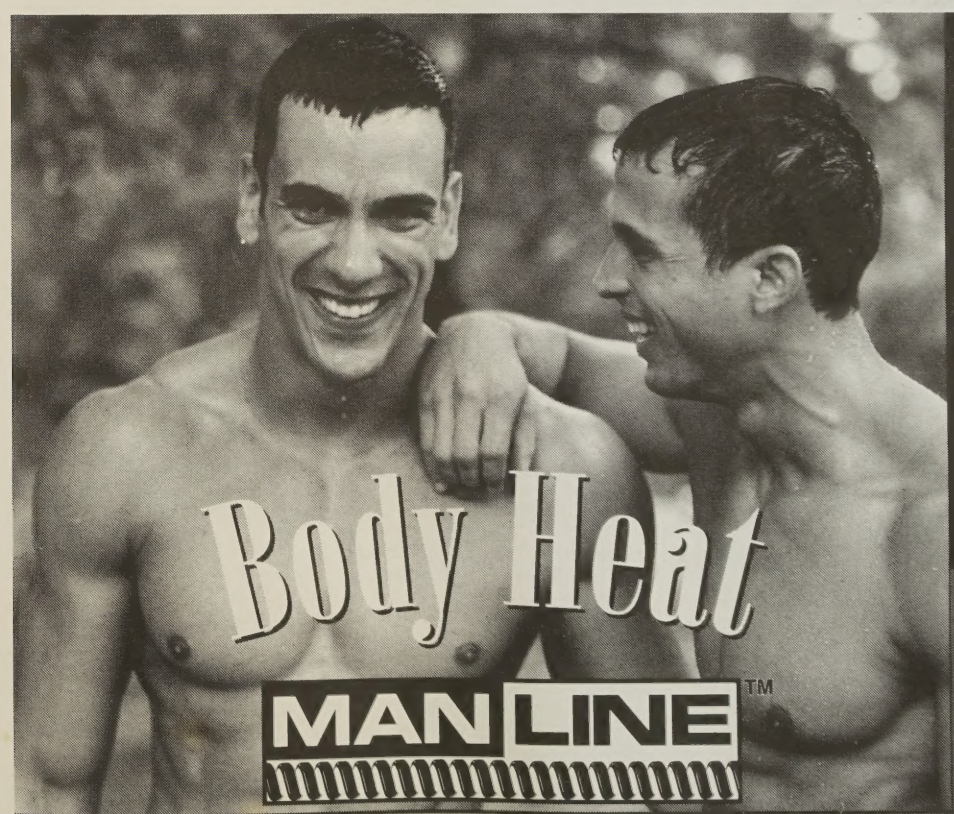

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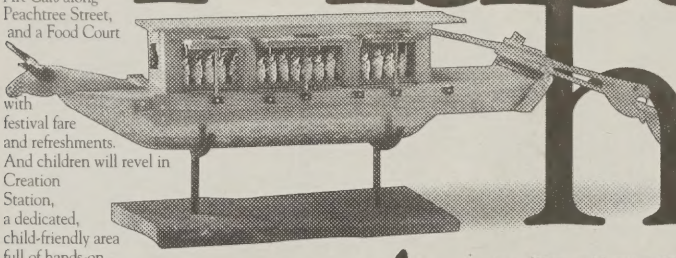
Very soon, Atlantans will again be able to indulge their passion for fine art in a festival atmosphere as a unique new urban art experience, ArtScape, premiers in Downtown Atlanta.

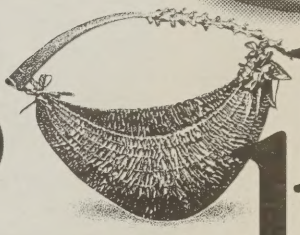
In and around tree-studded Woodruff Park, 125 national and regional artists will exhibit exceptional examples of juried visual art and craft.

Categories range from painting and photography to jewelry, sculpture and weaving with a special section devoted to folk art. Patrons will find gallery-quality works as well as reasonably-priced items.

In traditional festival fashion, ArtScape will also feature artists' demonstrations, continuous musical entertainment on the Main Stage, Art Cars along Peachtree Street, and a Food Court with festival fare and refreshments. And children will revel in Creation Station, a dedicated, child-friendly area full of hands-on art and musical activities as well as its own stage. A production of the Atlanta Downtown Partnership, ArtScape is a security-patrolled, gated event.

Atlanta has its art back.





WHERE:
Woodruff Park, on Peachtree Street, 2 blocks north of Underground

ADMISSION:
$5.00, Children 12 and under Free
Purchase tickets at gate or call 404-577-7477

HOURS:
Friday, October 8: Noon to 9PM
Saturday, October 9: 10AM to 9PM
Sunday, October 10: Noon to 6PM

DIRECTIONS BY MARTA:
Take train to the Peachtree Center Station and walk south 3 blocks or to the Five Points Station and walk north 2 blocks.

DIRECTIONS BY CAR:
From north of downtown, take the I-75/I-85 connector south, exiting onto Courtland Avenue. Follow Courtland to Auburn Avenue and turn right.
Parking is 2 blocks up on left.

From south of downtown, take the I-75/I-85 connector north, exiting at Edgewood Avenue.
Go left on Edgewood to Peachtree Center Avenue and turn right. Go 1 block to Auburn Avenue and turn left. Parking is 2 blocks up on left.

PARKING:
There are a number of lots near Woodruff Park, however the Official ArtScape Parking Lot is the Suntrust Parking Building on Auburn Avenue.
The cost is $5.00 and all proceeds directly benefit ArtScape.

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